SWAGGER OUTFITS

Plaid & Plain . . Easy-to-Make

By MARY GRACE

1315

Left, collarless in camel wool, with dark brown scarf and buttons and novel pocket flaps.

Above, right, short coat in grey, with grey and wine plaid skirt. Looks equally smart in checks with plain skirt.

1314

1315 Second View

WINTER colours are gay, contrary to the general rule, for at this time of year fashions usually take on a sombre hue.

But this season purple heather tints vie with the warm browns and reds of the countryside.

Two main colours are used for new outfits. The coat in one, and skirt in another, while these are accentuated by a third or fourth colour in the hat and accessories.

In Paris I noticed many original ideas. Tartan plaid made half a jacket or perhaps was only used for the yoke. Patterned tweeds employed for the body of the coat had the sleeves in plain colour.

A new note in swaggers is the collarless design buttoning high to neck—comfy on cool days, as a scarf can be tucked inside.

A popular version of this fashion is shown in No. 1314. Made in a camel shade, it has dark brown leather buttons and the envelope flap pockets emphasise the neatness of the line.

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Worn with a brown skirt, and blouse or jumper of fern green with pull-on felt hat to match, you have a smart, up-to-date autumn outfit.

Backs are in the news. On the right are shown the front and back views of a short, boxy swagger coat. A yoked top gives a perfect swing to this design, No. 1015. It has a small collar and again pocket flaps are featured. The skirt, which is also included in pattern, is simply cut.

I suggest a bold plaid in grey and wine tones for the skirt with a coat of grey or wine. This outfit would look equally well if a small checked material was used for coat with skirt to tone or contrast.

Vegetable Pie

HERE is a good dish to try one "vegetarian day":—

Mash two pounds of potatoes, which have been baked or steamed in their skins and are old enough for this. Boil three medium-sized carrots and one parsnip, cut them into dice, and add them to the potatoes with a little raw shredded onion, if liked.

Butter a pie-dish, fill with the mixture, and pour over half a cupful of nourishing gravy, broth, or soup or ment or yeast extract dissolved in a similar quantity of boiling water.

Dot with butter, and bake in a hot oven for three-quarters of an hour, or until the pie is nicely browned on top. Turn it out on to a heated dish and pour thick gravy round. Alternatively, it can be served in the dish, the gravy being handed separately.

W. B.

FASHION NOTES

MANY of the new coats are in colours such as rusty red with soot-black for trimming. Rainbow plaid tweeds are characteristic of the new fashions in tailor-mades. Their fascinating colours have been suggested by the blues, browns, and greys of the Scottish valleys. Cloudy rose, silver sand, silver grey, gold, yellow, and dull turquoise, are but a few of these northern landscape colours which Paris designers have deemed fit to use this season.

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There are new and unexpected ways of using colours in tailor-mades. A dark green jacket and a lighter green skirt of the same tweed make a tailor-made suitable for the country or for morning wear in town, while slate-blue and beige checked tweeds may form the skirt to wear with a plain beige jacket. A yellowy-brown, the colour of the autumn leaves and gold and yellow checks make a suit to wear with a plain gorse yellow blouse. And tweeds of two different weights, the heavier for the jacket, the lighter weight for the skirt, are some new suggestions for the working of wool ensembles.

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The feminine handkerchief was ever a vagrant. Let it be said however, that the handkerchief is not wholly to blame. Circumstances over which it has had no control have contributed to its vagrant propensities. For the handkerchief has never had a settled home. It has never been given the opportunity to acquire homing habits. In the past, there was a time when it inhabited a pocket, but the feminine pocket of that period was voluminous, and accommodated dozens of odds and ends, and stood for the handkerchief more as a common lodging-house than as a home. Of the handkerchief's vicissitudes since that epoch, there is not space to write.

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1.30. Reuter and Rugby Press, Weather Forecast and Announcements.

1.45. Variety and Dance Music with Effie Atherton, John Henry, Anona Winn, The Hilo Hawaiian Orchestra and Others.

2.15. Close down.

6.00. An Hour of Popular Classics compered from the Studio.

7.00. Closing local Stock Quotations.

7.02. The Tomb Scene from Gounod's "Romeo and Juliet."

Sung by George Thill (Tenor) and Mlle. Feraldy (Soprano) with Orchestral accompaniment.

7.18. Two Violin Solos by George Boulanger.

African Serenade (Boulanger); American Vision (Boulanger).

8.25. Tchaikowsky—Concerto No. 1 In B Flat Minor, Op. 23.

Egon Petri (Piano) and the London Philharmonic Orchestra conducted by Walter Goehr.

8.00. Local Time Signal, Weather Report and Announcements.

8.03. Studio—Saxophone Recital by Palapo.

8.25. Grieg—Peer Gynt—Incidental Music.

Vienna Symphony Orchestra with Chorus, Conducted by Paul Kerby.

8.38. Stuart Robertson (Baritone) and the New Mayfair Orchestra.

9.05. Studio—Comments on Recent Events.

9.15. London Relay—The News.

9.30. London Relay—"Cards on the Table."

9.45. London Relay—"Ministry of Fun."

A Variety Programme.

10.15. A Programme of Dance Music.

11.00. Close down.

GRAVE DIFFICULTIES

Philippines Commissioner Voices a Warning

Manila, Nov. 13.

Mr. Francis B. Sayre, in a speech at the American Chamber of Commerce, warned that the Philippines is facing grave economic difficulties and can choose two methods for coping with them.

First, economic nationalism, which leads to strict Government control and goes hand in hand with dictatorship; and second, liberalisation of trade, freedom and economic initiative, following the United States' example.

"Philippine independence surely will not mean the end of American co-operation," he said. "Independence would of course mean changed conditions and far-reaching economic adjustments, but it will also mean the building up of new foundations which will be more permanent and sounder than the present artificial ones."—*United Press.*

DARDANUS MAIL

Brought From Canton By Japanese Steamer

The mail from the Imperial Airways plane Dardanus, which was forced down on Weichow Island on November 8, arrived here yesterday by a Japanese steamer from Canton.

The Postmaster General, Mr. E. I. Wynne-Jones and the Far Eastern Manager of Imperial Airways, Lieut.-Commander A. D. S. Murray, met the steamer and took off the mail.

It is not known whether the Japanese authorities in Canton who held the mail have been through it or carried out any censorship. The mail was examined by British authorities.

After inspection the mail will be forwarded by the Delphinus tomorrow.

Although messages have been sent from Hongkong to the pilot of Dardanus, Capt. J. N. Wilson, who is being held by the Japanese military authorities in Canton, they have not, it is believed, been delivered.

The co-pilot of the plane, Mr. J. F. Raeburn is also being held by the Japanese military authorities for investigation.

It is not known whether they have been placed in a military prison.

Passengers by the Delphinus, which arrived here yesterday, said from the time they left Hanoi they could see nothing below them until Fort Bayard but clouds.

The pilot of the Delphinus was forced to fly at 14,000 feet most of the way to obtain the benefit of favourable winds and flew solely on his bearings. At a lower altitude flying conditions were very bumpy.

The Japanese authorities demand that planes flying over the route fly 15 miles from the island and at an altitude of less than 500 metres (approximately 1,500 feet) so they may be easily identifiable.

On Goodwill Trip

Lima, Peru, Nov. 13.

The seven U.S. Army "flying fortresses" on a goodwill flight to South America will leave here on a non-stop flight to Asuncion, Paraguay. This flight has hitherto never been attempted non-stop.

The planes arrived here yesterday after flying 1,600 miles from Panama in eight hours, and were greeted at the airport by a crowd of thousands. —*Reuter.*

United Press adds that the planes arrived at the Tambo airport, Lima at 1.45 p.m. and were due to take off at 5 a.m. yesterday.

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By LARS MORRIS

ACROSS

1—Wagers
6—Pointed weapon
10—Female voice
14—Painful feeling
15—Away from this place
16—Chamber
17—Betrayal of one's native land
19—Written message
21—Bring suit against
22—Number of dollars in eagle
23—Placed
24—Japanese coin
25—In any case
26—King of Bashan
28—Permit
30—Color of grass
33—Catch suddenly (col.)
35—Revolving part
39—Poured
40—Elevated railroad (col.)
42—Parcel of land
44—Did live as
45—Social insect
46—Dealer in land
48—Tipsy (Scottish)
50—One who sees ahead
52—Utmost hyperbole
53—Myself
54—Salt
55—Harem
57—Gone
59—Ice vehicles
61—Father
62—Tellurium
64—Close by
65—Sprite
68—In no way
70—Imitate

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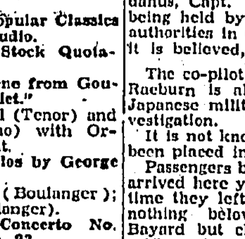
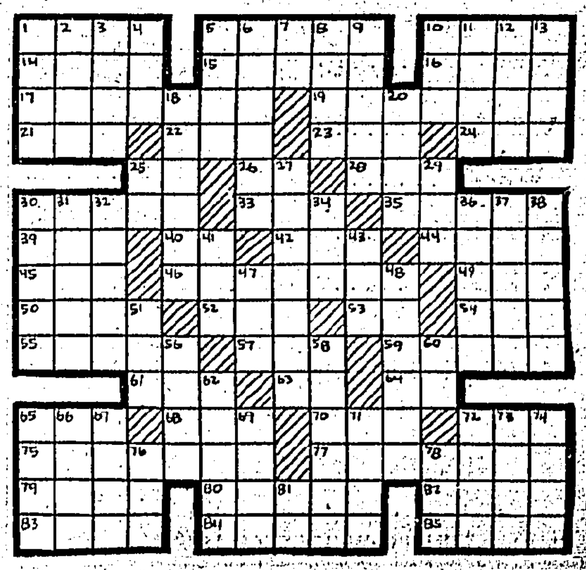


72—High card
75—Put out again
77—Young seal
79—Girl's name (poss.)
80—Small pies
82—Devices for propelling boat
83—Gratifying to utmost
84—Kills
85—Allowance for transportation weight

DOWN

1—Baseball tools
2—Light-yellowish brown
3—Second person singular
4—Ocean
5—Foot covering
6—Banner
7—In (French)
8—World War aviators
9—Push back
10—Land measure (pl.)
11—Great quantities
12—Entice
13—Prophetic sign
18—One who scrapes with stone
20—Roman road
25—Prefix; apart
27—Man of fashion
29—Pull
30—Green plants
31—Indian queen
32—Go in
34—Kind of fly
36—Sententious
37—Mountain nymph
38—Spoils
41—Civil War general
43—Thomas
47—In manner of
49—Remained
51—Knock sharply
56—Electrified molecules
58—Causing fermentation
60—Uphold
62—Is sullen
65—Periods of time
66—Girl who loved a swan
67—Positive command
69—Aquatic bird
71—Go through
73—About wings
74—Goddess of grain
76—Long ago
76—Point of compass
78—Dorothy (col.)
81—Sun god



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POLICE INSPECTOR SAVES 137 WITH REVOLVER SHOT

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

SINGAPORE, NOV. 13 (UP).—THOUSANDS OF PEOPLE ON SINGAPORE'S WATERFRONT WATCHED THE 7,743-TON B.I. STEAMER SIRDHANA PLUNGE TO HER DOOM IN THE SINGAPORE ROADS THIS MORNING, AFTER STRIKING A FLOATING MINE.

Eleven Asiatic passengers are dead and nine are missing.

The liner sank fifteen minutes after striking the mine.

Passengers, who included many Europeans en route to Hongkong, lost all their possessions.

Over a hundred Chinese deportees who were incarcerated aboard ship behind iron grilles were saved through the prompt action of a Hongkong police inspector, who shattered the lock on the grille door with a shot from his revolver. The deportees were en route to Hongkong.

Among the passengers were Nicola the Great, the well-known illusionist, and his troupe of fifteen, who were to have opened a season at the Majestic Theatre in Hongkong this week.

Nicola the Great is under the managership of Mr. Charles Hugo, brother of Mr. Vic Hugo, the popular Hongkong showman and manager of the Oriental Theatre. Mr. Charles Hugo was also aboard the ship.

The Nicola troupe lost all their equipment, which was valued at $200,000 Straits currency. It was not insured.

The Chief Officer of a nearby Japanese ship was the first person on the scene. He pulled across the intervening water in a small rowing boat, and was instrumental in saving several people.

Sampans, junks, harbour tugs and naval launches shortly afterwards arrived.

Sank In 15 Minutes

SINGAPORE, Nov. 13 (Reuter).—The B.I. steamer Sirdhana foundered in 15 minutes in the Singapore Roads this morning. She is believed to have struck a mine.

Eleven Asiatic passengers are dead and nine are missing.

Passengers included 137 Chinese deportees, most of whom were imprisoned behind a steel grille in the forward hold.

They were saved by prompt action by a British Police Inspector, who blew the lock open with a gun.

The American magician, Nicola, with his wife and troupe, were saved but lost their equipment.

Boarded Last Life-Boat

Nicola told "Reuter" that he and his wife managed to board the last life-boat, holding 70, just as the ship sank.

After rowing for half an hour, the life-boat was taken in tow by a rescue launch.

"Two men of my company, unable to get into the life-boat, dived off as the vessel heeled. They clung to some wreckage.

"After being picked up by a launch, they helped in rescue work.

"None of my property was insured and I have lost a fortune," he said.

Netherlanders Urged To Keep Calm And Prepare For Every Eventuality

IGNORE RUMOURS, SAYS PREMIER

THE HAGUE, Nov. 13 (Reuter).—The Netherlands Prime Minister broadcast this afternoon on Holland's defence measures.

Wild rumours, he said, had been circulated in Holland. These were apparently based on foreign reports and were the result of the defence measures.

He asked the Dutch people to ignore the rumours and to remember that countries at war always held the darkest views about their opponents' intentions.

Danger Admitted

Concerning the defence measures, the Dutch premier said that it was always necessary for neutral countries to adjust their military precautions in accordance with the conditions that existed.

The danger to-day, he said, was no more than it was in the early days of September.

They must be prepared for all eventualities.

The Netherlands Government, he said, had not the slightest information which would shake its belief in the assurances given it by both the warring parties.

German Promise

LONDON, Nov. 13 (Reuter).—The Berlin official news agency stated that Germany intended to respect the neutrality of Holland and Belgium so long as Holland and Belgium showed themselves capable of preserving neutrality.

Increase In Unemployed

Labour Minister's Warning

LONDON, Nov. 13 (Reuter).—A special commentary issued to-day states:

The British Labour Minister, discussing the British employment situation, points out that a temporary increase in unemployment is inevitable owing to the changeover from peace to war.

The increase is less than in 1914 although the changeover was more rapid, and the total population between the ages of 10 and 64 is five and a half millions greater than in 1914.

Demand For Labour Soon

The rapid rise in the demand for labour for war purposes is expected shortly.

The Labour Minister emphasises the immense importance of a free organisation of employers and the work people.

Employers and the work people sometimes have differences, but when they have hammered out the points at issue and have reached an agreement, they go to work with a will that is far more effective than anything that regimented and dragooned industry can achieve.

BURMAH'S NEW AERODROME

LONDON, Nov. 13 (Reuter).—The Government of Burmah has approved setting aside an aerodrome for providing facilities for training and flying.

BRITAIN'S WITHDRAWAL OF TROOPS

No Question Of "Sell Out" To Japan

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

LONDON, Nov. 13 (UP).—Quarters close to the Chinese Embassy, although scarcely pleased, appear reconciled to the British withdrawals of troops, due to the fact that it is accompanied by the firm assurance of Great Britain's unchanging policy of neutrality.

The British Ambassador to Japan, Sir Robert Craigie, in recent conversations at Tokyo, emphasised to Japan that the move involves no sacrifice of British rights or interests under the various treaties pertaining to China, and similarly notified the United States, France and Italy, as signatories of the Boxer protocol who maintain troops in China.

Washington has been continuously informed of the British intentions.

It is stated in British circles that the North China garrisons would have been withdrawn earlier had it not been for Japanese pressure, under which the British authorities were not willing to act.

French Troops

PARIS, Nov. 13 (UP).—The Quai d'Orsay states that France is maintaining her troops in China: firstly, to assure a guard for the French Government buildings at Peiping and other cities; secondly, a reduced garrison at the Shanghai Concession; thirdly, full strength at Tientsin to maintain French rights; and, fourthly, the majority of troops will be withdrawn from Canton for service elsewhere in the Empire.

All Governments have been informed of these temporary garrison reductions. France will maintain all garrisons and extra-territorial perogatives in China.

South Africa To Subsidise Her Exports

JOHANNESBURG, Nov. 13 (Reuter). — The Governor-General of South Africa, Sir Patrick Duncan, has accepted the post of Colonel-in-Chief of the South African Air Force.

South African exports of beef and mutton will soon be subsidised.

Bounties will be paid on exports up to a maximum of 10,000 carcases, 20,000 sides and 40,000 quarters of beef.

South African emergency regulations will be relaxed, whereby certain persons who have been interned, will be released on parole.

This is because the country is now quiet.

LITHUANIA TO HELP JEWS

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

KAUNAS, Nov. 13 (Reuter).—Lithuania has agreed to grant asylum to 1,500 Jews whom the Nazis have expelled from the Suvalki district.

Lithuania has already protested to Berlin regarding the thousands of Jews driven towards the Lithuanian frontier, but has received no reply.

DESPERATE NAZI NAVY

Has To Resort To Ruthlessness

LONDON, Nov. 13 (Reuter).—A special commentary issued to-day states that Germany, not having command of the sea outside the Baltic, cannot, like the Allies, exercise legal contraband control.

Therefore she is attempting to force neutrals to pass through the Kiel Canal, or to call at north-west German ports.

Brilliant Convoy Success

Realising her futility, she has resorted to ruthless sinking of neutral ships in a desperate attempt to prevent trade with Britain, but the perils are small when the ships follow instructions of the sea-commanding British Navy.

Nearly 3,000 British merchant ships are already convoyed. There have been only three losses.

British Destroyer Attacks German Steamer

REYKJAVIK, Nov. 13 (Reuter).—An S.O.S. call from a Hamburg steamer, Parana, reporting an attack by a British destroyer, has been picked up by the radio station here.

The Parana is a German steamer of 8,038 tons and was built in 1921.

Two Nazi Ships Sunk

LONDON, Nov. 13 (Reuter).—It is officially announced that the German steamers, Mecklenburg and Parana, 8,000 tons and 6,000 tons respectively, were intercepted by British warships.

The crews abandoned them in a sinking condition.

The warships rescued the crews and sank the vessels by gun-fire to prevent them from becoming dangers to navigation.

NAZI SYSTEM MUST PERISH

Declares "Freedom" Broadcast

LONDON, Nov. 13 (Reuter).—The German "Freedom" station declared:

"The Nazi regime must perish so that Germany can live again.

"A system which has murdered General von Fritsch and daily is murdering thousands of Germany's finest men; a system which sends hundreds of thousands to be slaughtered on the battlefield, has no right to live."

FINLAND'S POSITION EXPLAINED

Cannot Concede The South Baltic Port

LONDON, Nov. 13 (Reuter).—In a talk from Daventry to-night, a Finnish professor said that the deadlock in the Finnish-Soviet negotiations had arisen as the result of the Russian territorial demands on Finland in both the extreme north and extreme south.

Finland and the Soviet, he said, had been at peace ever since the freely-concluded treaty of 1920, when Finland's present territory was unconditionally recognised by Soviet Russia.

Proper diplomatic machinery existed for the settlement of any differences arising between them from time to time.

No Soviet Minorities

When the Leningrad wireless accused Finland of "intolerable anti-Russian terrorism," the complete reply was that nowhere in Finland did there exist any Russian minorities.

Finland was all one piece and one could no more speak of Russian minorities in Finland than one could of English minorities in France.

Concerning the demands in the extreme north, the Professor pointed out that this area was ceded to Finland by Russia in 1920.

It provided Finland with its only wholly ice-free port outside the Baltic and was an important factor in her food supply system should the Baltic be blockaded.

Cession of this area would also raise important international issues, as Norway and the Soviet would have a common frontier.

No Compromise Possible

Turning to the demands in the south, the Professor said these included a port in the Baltic which was not only an excellent harbour but the only Finnish port which seldom froze over.

No compromise on this point, therefore, was possible for Finland.

The Professor concluded by saying that the differences between Finland and Soviet Russia were none of Finland's seeking.

Finland was, and always had been prepared to be reasonable in the negotiations.

This Is How It Goes

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

LONDON, Nov. 13 (Reuter).—Moscow wireless accuses Finland of failing to inform the Soviet regarding the recent "dangerous" rise of the rivers in the frontier area which, it claims, the Finns are bound to do under an international treaty.

Recall Of Delegates

HELSINGFORS, Nov. 13 (Reuter).—After five blank days, the Finnish Government has considered it necessary to re-establish direct contact with its delegates. Hence their recall, said M. Erkko, the Foreign Minister, in an interview to-day.

The Finnish attitude concerning the Moscow talks was a positive one, M. Erkko said.

Finland did not intend to suspend negotiations indefinitely but would continue trying to obtain a definite

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AIR ACTIVITY INTENSIFIED: NAZI RAIDS REPELLED

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

LONDON, Nov. 13 (UP).—Fishermen off the Yorkshire coast reported that R.A.F. fighters attacked German bombers who were sighted over the North Sea this afternoon.

Anti-aircraft gun fire was heard.

East Coast Air Fight

LONDON, Nov. 13 (Reuter).—Three British fighters, patrolling above the clouds off the East Coast, sighted a German flying boat 2,000 feet below.

The enemy dived but the British leader swooped close behind and raked the enemy with bullets from a few yards range.

The German rear gunner replied without effect.

A piece of the enemy's wing fell off and he took cover in the clouds.

Shetland Isles Raid

LONDON, Nov. 13 (Reuter).—The Air Ministry announces that enemy aircraft made two attacks on the Shetland Islands to-day.

The were driven off by A.A. fire. Bombs were dropped but they did no damage.

Raiders Drop Many Bombs

It was later revealed that four German bombers took part and that after being driven off on one occasion by anti-aircraft fire, they swung back and attacked a second time.

Numerous bombs were dropped, but they most harmlessly fell into the sea.

Other bombs which fell on land made craters up to 16 feet deep and shattered windows and crofters of cottages in the vicinity.

No other damage of any importance was done.

Nazi Reconnaissances

PARIS, Nov. 13 (Reuter).—The French official wireless commentator said to-day that on Saturday there were a number of German reconnaissances east and west of the Saar.

The raiders came close to the French lines and some men were captured.

None of the operations, however, developed into attack.

By nightfall, quiet prevailed.

Front Line Activity

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

PARIS, Nov. 13 (UP). — More salvos were fired by anti-aircraft in the front lines between 4.35 and 4.50 p.m. to-day. No explanation has been given.

Planes Over Paris

PARIS, Nov. 13 (Reuter).—Aeroplanes of unknown nationality flew over Paris and district this afternoon.

They could not be distinguished owing to a thick fog.

No air-raid alarm was sounded.

Enemy Aircraft Visit France

PARIS, Nov. 13 (Reuter).—A communique issued to-day records the usual patrol activity, especially east of the Saar.

A number of enemy aircraft flew over North-eastern France on Sunday night.

Neutrality Violated

BRUSSELS, Nov. 13 (Reuter).—German planes have again violated Belgium's neutrality.

Planes returning from a flight over France caused an air-raid alarm to be sounded in Paris, but were driven off by gun-fire.

They took a short cut across Belgium.

Admitted Nazi Losses

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

BERLIN, Nov. 13 (UP).—It is officially claimed that the Germans have lost 17 aeroplanes on the Western Front between the inception of the war and November 10.

The British, the Nazi communique claims, have lost 16 planes and the French 61. The Germans have destroyed three balloons.

Mr. Eden With R.A.F.

LONDON, Nov. 13 (Reuter).—Mr. Anthony Eden, Secretary for the Dominions, and representatives of the Dominions and India visited the Royal Air Force in France and inspected the key room of Headquarters where details of R.A.F. operations are planned.

They later saw a British fighter squadron behind the lines.

"NEW DEAL" FOR CHINA

Generalissimo Lays Down Ten Points

CHUNGKING, Nov. 14 (Reuter).—The ten points to be followed by the Chinese nation were laid down by General Chiang Kai-shek when he addressed the weekly memorial meeting here yesterday.

The Generalissimo urged:

1.—Chinese ethics should be followed;
2.—Industries should be developed;
3.—Education should be promoted;
4.—Economy should be practised;
5.—A civil service system should be carried out;
6.—Dignity of the Law should be upheld;
7.—A supervisory system should be observed;
8.—Border affairs should be examined;
9.—Constitutional government should be established;
10.—Dr. Sun Yet-sun's teachings should be followed.

These represent the main points of the manifesto of the Fifth Kuomintang Congress.

Presidium Elected

CHUNGKING, Nov. 14 (Reuter).—The preparatory meeting of the Sixth Plenary Session of the Central Executive Committee of the Kuomintang was held yesterday.

Dr. H. H. Kung, Mr. Wang Fachin, Mr. Ting Wei-fang, Mr. Chu Cheng, Mr. Yu Yu-jen, General Feng Yu-hsiang, Mr. Tai Chi-tao, Dr. Chou Lu, Mr. Yeh Chu-tsang, Mr. Chen Ku-fu and Mr. Li Wen-fang were elected to the Presidium.

The Presidium will appoint a subcommittee for the examination of proposals submitted by delegates.

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Cricket Comments

(By "R. Abbit")

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played watchful cricket, while M.P. took the long handle.

IDEAL MIXTURE

IF you could melt down the two Madars in a bowl, mix completely and then pour out two batsmen, you would have an excellent product. M.P. takes a little more amount of risk than he should while A.H. takes the same amount less. However, that made an excellent stand, and after M.P. had put one up to mid-off M. el Arculli (21), rendered stalwart assistance.

A.H. was out for 38, but what might have been a dangerous situation was saved by A. H. Rumjahn (not out 11), and S. A. Ismail (not out 15), who played out time.

A Splendid Finish

I WAS VERY GLAD to see that Teddie Fincher has turned out again for the K.C.C., and his absence seems merely to have spurred him on, as he hit up an excellent 79 not out at the end, to bring Kowloon home just in time. T. A. Madar got going too, and his 41 materially assisted the Club.

It is only fair, however, to the Army to say that Man, Weedon and Hatfield were away playing for their regiment against the Sappers. As a general rule we would expect to find them in the Army side. However, they did by no means badly.

Corporal Webb, promoted to the first eleven, got 21, while Driver Logan, who have been here some time, I think, ran up 39. Godby played a characteristically breezy innings. I hear he scored ten boundaries out of 50, and the Army declared at 170, for six.

The Kowloon bowling, in the absence of Robert Lee, was definitely weak, though it was very pleasing to find my old friend Frank Goodwin turning out again, and sending down 6 overs for 29 runs and one wicket. If only that leg injury of his will hold up there are years of cricket in him. Anderson, who is not doing so well this year, got 17 and took a couple of wickets, but he was very expensive.

Altogether it was a game, from what I gather, that I should very much like to have seen, but one cannot be in more than one place, or possibly two, at once.

The Central British School

THE C.B.S. have got a very excellent team this year, and although they had Pryde and another regular member of the side away, they had much the better of the Civil Service second eleven, although the latter made a draw of it.

F. A. Weller batted uncommonly well for 41. He is, I am told their soundest bat. Odell did not come off this time, but he has had his share of runs before. Hurley (27) and J. W. Clague (not out 32), had a good stand, and the innings total was 151. For the Civil Service, Lockhart was top scorer with a nice 21, and someone—I think it was Ebbage—but I cannot be sure as it was dark—laid about him stoutly at the end. Stumps were drawn with the score at 105 for 8.

Another School Side

IN VIEW of the amount of reliance we must place on our local cricketers for the next few seasons, I was delighted to discover that another school team has made its appearance—St. Joseph's College, who, I know, have played before, but do not, I think, have a very long or regular fixture list, but they firmly put it across the Recreio 2nd eleven, which is by no means a bad second Division side. The Recreio got 110, and then St. Joseph's cracked up 116 for 5 with Felix top scorer with 37 runs.

Middlesex Win

AT SOOKUNPOO, the Middlesex had a decisive victory over the Sappers, whom they put out for 77, of which Ratcliffe got 27 not out, Ship 24 and Extras 20, while the rest collected 8 runs! Hatfield did most of the damage, his figures reading 9/3/24/5. He also knocked up 30 not out, and with W. Weedon's 19 and Extras 27, the score reached 110 for 9.

Cards

I HAVE NOW received cards from the H.K.C.C., I.R.C. and the Recreio, and I should be very glad to get any others as soon as they are ready, as it is rather difficult arranging one's programme in advance if one doesn't quite know what is going to happen. I particularly want the K.C.C. card if I can get it, as I haven't yet managed to see them in action.

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December	20.41b/45a	20.45 /45
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May	unquoted	18.30 /30
July	17.83 /92	17.85b/87a
September	unquoted	unquoted

Total sales for the day.—730 tons.

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December	88 /88	87½/87⅝
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July	84⅝/84⅜	84 /84⅛

Friday's sales.—20,174,000 bushels.

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May	——	75⅜/75½
July	——	77b

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New War-Risk Rate For Shanghai

LONDON, Nov. 13 (Reuter).—The greater assurance now felt in the development of Anglo-Japanese relations is reflected in the decision of the Rating Committee of Underwriters to extend to Shanghai a war-risk premium of 60 shillings per cent., hitherto applied from the United Kingdom to Singapore.

This adds over 3,000 miles of the South China Sea to an insured voyage at the same rate.

Similarly 80 shillings per cent. premium (60 shillings per cent. for neutral ships) now covers trading north of Shanghai instead of east of Singapore.

NAZI LABOUR PROBLEM

Where Britain Has Big Advantage

LONDON, Nov. 13 (Reuter).—The "Economist" produces figures showing that whereas Germany requires the labour of 140 men to produce food for every 1,000 men, Britain requires only 60.

This is due to the fact that a greater part of German food is home grown and to the poor organisation of German agriculture.

Britain is obtaining a great part of food by exchange of industrial products, and reaps the benefit of a division of labour on an international scale.

It follows that Britain has a proportionately larger quantity of labour available to devote to war purposes.

Pope's Broadcast To America

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

ROME, Nov. 13 (Reuter).—The Pope, broadcasting to America on the 50th Anniversary of the Catholic University in Washington, said that Christian youth faced the disconcerting errors of naturalism and materialism which, by precipitating the world into an appalling war, had given cruel proof of the falseness of philosophy grounded on a human basis.

The Pope, in conclusion, blessed the Episcopate and all Catholics in the United States.

French Withdraw N. China Troops

TOKYO, Nov. 14 (Reuter).—The French Ambassador, M. Henry, yesterday afternoon sent a note to the Foreign Minister, Admiral Nomura, communicating the withdrawal of the French garrison and troops from North China.

The French note is similar to the British communication.

NAZI AIRMEN RESCUED

LONDON, Nov. 13 (Reuter).—A Dutch cargo boat has picked up three German airmen, whose plane crashed into the North Sea.

The pilot was drowned.

The men have now been interned.

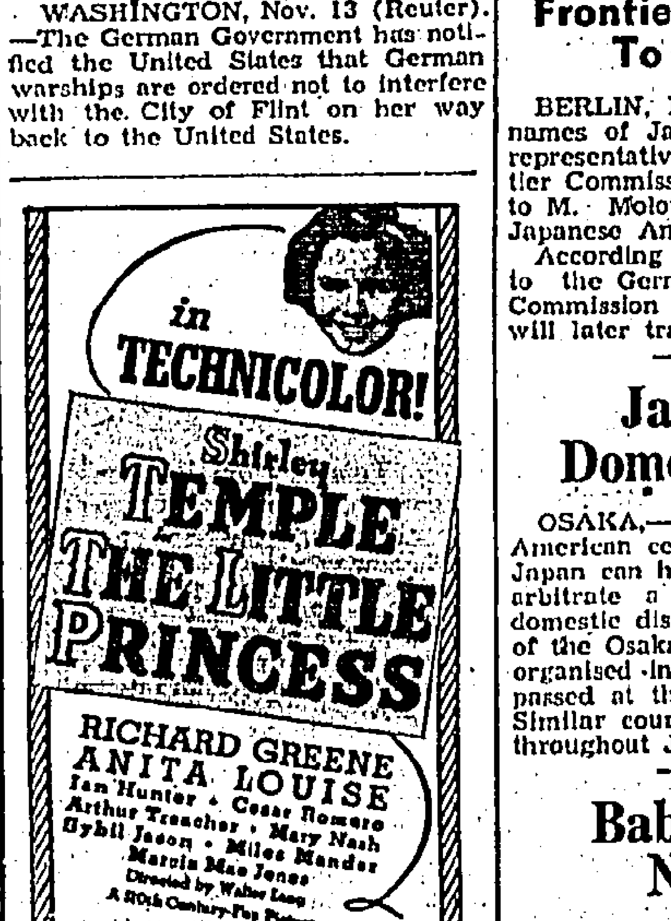
EIRE AND TRADE WITH U.S.

DUBLIN, Nov. 13 (Reuter).—Eire has made representations to the United States in connection with the decision to close Eire ports to United States ships.

It is declared here that United States ships can safely trade in Eire.

CITY OF FLINT TO GO FREE

WASHINGTON, Nov. 13 (Reuter).—The German Government has notified the United States that German warships are ordered not to interfere with the City of Flint on her way back to the United States.



THE KING HAS A 16-HOUR DAY

THE KING is so busy dealing with war-time documents and State papers that he and the Queen meet only once a day—at breakfast.

Very occasionally they are able to have dinner together.

All the meals are as simple as possible, for the household has already been placed on a war-time basis of thrift and economy.

To save the King's time a new room has been arranged adjoining his study.

He receives his numerous callers there and is still within reach of the three private telephones on his study desk.

He has increased his "office" hours from 10 to 16 hours a day.

TEA SERVED ON DESK

His cherished "family hour" at tea with the Queen has had to be cancelled. Now a tea tray is brought to the King's desk and one of his secretaries pours it out as they continue working.

Besides attending to State and official correspondence, which has more than doubled in quantity, the King has to sign batches of officers' commissions and similar service documents.

Three times a day come detailed reports from the War Office, the Admiralty, and the Air Ministry, and at least six deliveries of Government papers arrive daily.

At noon comes a special case which the King unlocks himself, for he possesses the only key.

The Queen spends long hours in her own little study, following the progress of women's work.

EX-KAISER'S SON QUITS

GENEVA.

PRINCE Eitel Frederick, second son of the ex-Kaiser, has shown what he thinks of Nazi Germany's chance of winning the war by quitting the country.

With his wife and daughter, he is now occupying modest apartments in a hotel at a well-known resort on Lake Geneva.

Having been obliged to forgo such necessities as butter in Germany to help provide Marshal Goering with cannons, Prince Eitel does not feel the loss of his luxurious Rolls-Royce, in which he used to travel through Europe.

To-day I saw him with his smartly dressed family in a local tramcar. They were paying a visit to some old English friends, of whom they still have many in Switzerland.

On these visits the Prince never refers to the Nazi regime, because Gestapo spies are everywhere, but those who know him say he is profoundly depressed at the prospect of the disaster towards which he believes the Fatherland to be heading for the second time in his lifetime. Prince Eitel is 56.

FINLAND'S POSITION EXPLAINED

(Continued from Page 1.)

and satisfactory result by a display of goodwill and understanding.

M. Erkko added that until the delegates had made a personal report, it was impossible to say whether they would return to Moscow.

The Russian proposals and the Finnish counter-proposals would be laid before the various Parliamentary groups, but would not yet be made public.

New Press Attacks

MOSCOW, Nov. 13 (Reuter).—The Soviet Press has taken up a new line in the attack on Finland.

It points out the high cost of Finland's mobilisation and claims that Finland is on the brink of ruin, and that it cannot stand the financial strain for many more months.

The Soviet Press also accuses the Finnish Government of not informing the Finnish Parliament of the true nature of the Soviet demands.

This is refuted by many official statements which have been released, such as M. Erkko's observation that the Soviet demand for a Finnish island was like demanding Sandy Hook from the United States or the Isle of Wight from England.

Frontier Commission To Be Named

BERLIN, Nov. 13 (Reuter).—The names of Japanese and Manchukuo representatives for the Mixed Frontier Commission are to be submitted to M. Molotoff by Mr Togo, the Japanese Ambassador.

According to a Moscow message to the German news agency, the Commission will meet at Chita and will later transfer to Harbin.

Japan Gets Domestic Courts

OSAKA,—For the equivalent of 14 American cents a married couple in Japan can have a government judge arbitrate a domestic dispute. The domestic disputes arbitration section of the Osaka district court has been organised in compliance with a law passed at the recent Diet session. Similar courts are being established throughout Japan.

Baby Born In New Jail

YORK,—The new county jail has an additional distinction. Its first baby was born there to a woman being held as a material witness in a killing.

Zeppelin Twins Married

Twin girls, born during a Zeppelin raid on London in the Great War, were brides in a double wedding ceremony at St. Barnabas Church, Clapham, S.W., on their 24th birthday.

They were Myrtle and Iris Farrall, daughters of Mr. and Mrs. G. Farrall, of Sabine Road, Battersea, the respective bridegrooms being Mr. Edward Stock (21), a clerk, of Robertson Street, Clapham, and Mr. Frederick Bridger (21), a chef, of Oakhill Road, Putney, S.W.

Myrtle was married first, as being the elder by three-quarters-of-an-hour.

After the ceremony both brides changed their wedding gowns for uniforms of the Women's Auxiliary Fire Service.

London Has Used Up 12,000 Gallons of Paint

HOW many thousands of gallons of white paint have been used on the roads and kerbs of England in preparation for emergency black-outs?

A reporter set out to discover the approximate amount, and here in black and white are the statistics.

Tackling London's Metropolitan Boroughs first, these facts were forthcoming:

Wandsworth, largest of the 28 boroughs, with population of 343,000 and 238 miles of streets, will have used 550 gallons on kerbs, trees, and in the roads to guide motorists and pedestrians.

Islington, with 301,000 people, 122 miles of streets, has used 500 gallons, is ordering more.

Taking 400 gallons per borough as the average amount of paint used, and including the City of London itself, nearly 12,000 gallons of white paint have been used in London.

Not Uniform

The question of the amount of paint used throughout the country presented more difficulty. In the first place, not all areas have painted their kerbs and road centres.

This step has been taken mostly in the more populous districts. Working on a population basis, these facts emerge:

Birmingham, with a population of more than a million, must have used about 3,000 gallons; Bristol, about 1,200 gallons; Bradford, about 500 or 600 gallons.

Taking the population of countries as a guide, Middlesex (1,638,000) will have used 4,500 gallons; Essex (1,200,000), 4,000 gallons, and Surrey (950,000), 2,500 gallons.

ZBW ALL-IN BEE

Medicine staged a furious second half rally to beat Law by one point in an "All-in" Bee held in the studio of ZBW last night.

The programme was divided into general questions, spelling and tunes to be guessed.

Medicine had an easy victory over Law in the spelling contest.

The final score was Medicine 7, Law 6.

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INWARD MAILS

Air Mail by "Pan American Airways Direct Service"—San Francisco date, 7th November. ....Nov. 14.
Amoy ....Nov. 14.
Haiphong, Pakhoi, Hoihow and Fort Bayard ....Nov. 14.
Straits ....Nov. 14.
Shanghai ....Nov. 14.
Calcutta and Straits ....Nov. 14.
Air Mail by "Air France Direct Service"—Paris date, 8th November. Nov. 15.
Japan and Shanghai ....Nov. 15.
Manila ....Nov. 15.
Sandakan ....Nov. 15.
Shanghai and Amoy ....Nov. 15.
Air Mail by "Imperial Airways Direct Service"—London date, 8th November ....Nov. 16.
Japan and Shanghai ....Nov. 16.
Haiphong, Hoihow and Fort Bayard ....Nov. 16.
Japan ....Nov. 16.
Australia and Manila ....Nov. 17.
Canton ....Nov. 17.
Haiphong ....Nov. 17.
Manila ....Nov. 17.
Sandakan ....Nov. 17.
Shanghai ....Nov. 17.
Bangkok, Saigon and Tourane Nov. 18.
Japan and Shanghai ....Nov. 18.
Air Mail by "Imperial Airways Direct Service"—London date 11th Nov. Nov. 19.
Shanghai ....Nov. 19.
Haiphong, Hoihow and Fort Bayard ....Nov. 19.
Straits ....Nov. 20.
Calcutta and Straits ....Nov. 21.
Japan ....Nov. 21.
Shanghai ....Nov. 21.
Japan ....Nov. 21.
Java and Manila ....Nov. 21.
U.S.A., Honolulu, and Japan (San Francisco date, 28th October Nov. 23.
Canada, U.S.A., Honolulu, Japan and Shanghai (Vancouver B.C. date, 4th November) ....Nov. 24.
Japan ....Nov. 24.
Japan and Shanghai ....Nov. 24.

OUTWARD MAILS

Tuesday, Nov. 14

Haiphong ....1 p.m.
Fort Bayard ....1.30 p.m.
Air Mail for "Imperial Airways Direct Service"—due London, 22nd November.
K.P.O.
Reg. ....Nov. 14, 5 p.m.
Ord. ....Nov. 14, 5.30 p.m.
G.P.O.
Reg. ....Nov. 14, 5 p.m.
Ord. ....Nov. 14, 7 p.m.
Air Mail for Malaya, Java and Australia by "Imperial Airways Direct Service"—due Sydney, 20th November.
K.P.O.
Reg. ....Nov. 14, 5 p.m.
Ord. ....Nov. 14, 5.30 p.m.
G.P.O.
Reg. ....Nov. 14, 5 p.m.
Ord. ....Nov. 14, 7 p.m.
Air Mail for Manila, Guam, Honolulu and U.S.A., by the "Pan American Airways Direct Service"—due San Francisco, 21st November.
K.P.O.
Reg. ....Nov. 14, 5 p.m.
Ord. ....Nov. 14, 5.30 p.m.
G.P.O.
Reg. ....Nov. 14, 5 p.m.
Ord. ....Nov. 15, 7.30 a.m.

Wednesday, Nov. 15

Canton ....7.15 a.m.
Saigon ....9.30 a.m.
Shanghai ....10.30 a.m.
Haiphong ....2 p.m.
Air Mail for Indo-China, Iran, and France (Paris and Northern Provinces only) by the "Air France Airways Direct Service"—due Paris, 23rd November.
K. P. O.
Reg., ...Nov. 15, 5.00 p.m.
Ord., ...Nov. 15, 5.30 p.m.
G. P. O.
Reg., ...Nov. 15, 5.00 p.m.
Ord., ...Nov. 15, 7.00 p.m.

Thursday, Nov. 16

Straits, Ceylon, India, East and South Africa, Aden, Egypt and Europe via Marseilles—due Marseilles, 14th December.
G.P.O. & K.P.O.
Reg., ...9.45 a.m.
Ord., ...10.30 a.m.
Parcels ....11.00 a.m.
Amoy ....2.30 p.m.
Straits and Calcutta
Ord. ....Noon.

Friday, Nov. 17

Haiphong ....1 p.m.
Shanghai ....2.30 p.m.
K.P.O.
Straits, Ceylon, India, East and South Africa, Aden, Egypt, Malta and Europe via Suez and London Parcels—due London, 28th Dec.
Parcels ....3 p.m.
Reg. ....5 p.m.
Ord. ....5.30 p.m.
G.P.O.
Parcels ....3 p.m.
Reg. ....5 p.m.
Ord. ....7 p.m.

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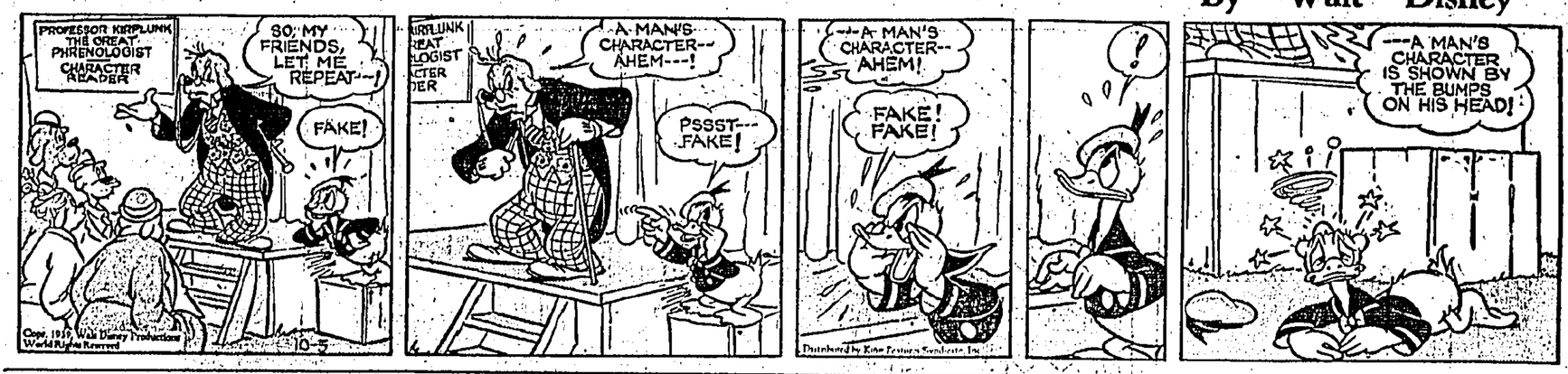

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As the Goodwood was sinking Captain Hewson said to his men: "Look after yourselves, don't bother about me."

The bo'sun, Thomas Roderick, of Sunderland, said to a reporter: "While in the lifeboat I realised that the captain must still be in the sinking ship.

"My brother William, of South Shields, and William Gill, of Whitburn, went overboard with me, and we swam back to the Goodwood.

"We found that Robert Percival, of North Shields, had stayed with the skipper on the bridge. He was trying to get him clear of the wreckage.

Dropped Him Over

"We pulled the wreckage away, put a life-jacket on the captain, and dropped him over the side. Then we went overboard ourselves and managed to hold him up until the lifeboat picked us up.

"Ten minutes later we were taken aboard a drifter."

Mr. William Wilson, chief officer of the British steamer Olive Grove, told a *News Chronical* reporter at his home in Hector Road, Shawlands, Glasgow, recently of the courtesy shown by the commander of the U-boat which sank his ship.

Mr. Wilson arrived home on his fifty-sixth birthday and he and his wife celebrated not only his birthday but his safe return. He said:

'We sighted the submarine about 1 p.m. on a Thursday and Captain Bariston immediately ordered the ship to take a zig-zig course.

"We managed to dodge for a time, but at last the submarine fired across our bows and we stopped.

Beckoned Alongside

"We were given about 20 minutes to leave.

"There were two boats, one commanded by the captain and the other by myself. When we pulled away, the submarine sank the Olive Grove.

"As she was sinking, the submarine commander beckoned Captain Bariston alongside and I saw what appeared to be the ship's papers being examined.

"I was next called alongside and I saw the commander at close quarters. He was young, though he had a growing beard.

"He spoke almost perfect English. He said he would see us to safety.

"Ship Is Coming"

"He followed our boats and early in the evening pulled up on us and said: 'A ship is coming now and will be able to assist you.'

"I thanked him and the submarine submerged and disappeared."

Mr. Wilson said: "I could distinctly see 'grass' (marine growth) on the submarine's hull, an indication that she must have been at sea for three or four weeks."

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No Names: No Firing Squad

America's National Broadcasting Company, writes the Radio Correspondent, announce that, in view of the threat of imprisonment and the death penalty for those in Germany who listen to foreign stations and pass on information, they have decided to discontinue the practice of answering letters over the air.

National Broadcasting Company broadcasts from the short-wave stations WNBI, WRCA and WPIT have been directionally beamed to Germany, and have brought forth a greater volume of correspondence from German listeners than from listeners in any other country.

The "Mail Bag" feature, in which listeners' letters were read out and replied to at the microphone, was tremendously popular.

What U.S.A. Is Thinking To-day

NEW YORK.—THIS is what America thinks to-day.

"I should like to see an international group meeting continuously to plan for future peace."—**Mrs. Roosevelt**, wife of the President.

"Anglo-French plans call for a new kind of war, conflict without assault, war without glory, battles of attrition directed to Hitler's weakest spot—his breadbasket. It will require no more fighting than necessary, but it may take a long time."—**Paul Mallon**, columnist.

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"Americans are in danger of developing the attitude of the Pharisee and thanking God we are not as other nations at war."—**Rev. E. Everett Wagner**, pastor of the Union Methodist Church, New York, in a sermon.

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"To furnish all the material, equipment and supplies which Great Britain and France require of us now without delay may obviate the necessity of spilling our own blood in the defence of our democratic form of Government."—**Edwin Trent**, in a letter to the "New York Times."

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"Teachers as human beings will have emotional and intellectual favourites in war, but they must be on guard not to encourage hatred or unreasoning passion in children."—**James Marshall**, president of the New York Board of Education, in a statement to teachers.

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"If war comes near us there will be few in business who will not move forward to enlist with Government for complete co-operation."—**General Hugh Johnson**, Columnist.

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"Let us avoid, and counsel all citizens to avoid, any thought, act or deed which might threaten or disturb the peace of Americans."—**Stephen F. Chadwick**, National Commander, American Legion.

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"The United States must be prepared to fight and also assist, if necessary, the Allies in Europe. If Hitler wins, the United States will find him in Bermuda and Stalin in Canada."—**George Harvey**, Borough President of Queens, New York, in a speech.

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"We do not know what is happening because military staffs nowadays conceal anything that give a single item of information to the enemy that he cannot learn in battle. We shall not get the news we want."—**John B. Kennedy.**

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"I believe the Russian policy is to keep out of the war at almost any price. If Germany cannot get away with a quick war, Warsaw may be the scene of one of the world's most decisive battles."—**Quincey Howe.**

Long Lost Watch Plowed Up

MILTON.—John Hume lost his watch one day while plowing a field on his farm. That, however, was 23 years ago and since then Hume had sold the farm. James, his son, is working for the present owner and while plowing the same field turned up his father's timepiece.

"I Destroyed Terrifying Weapon" Says Inventor

DEATH RAY KILLED AT FOUR-MILE RANGE

CLEVELAND, Ohio, Nov. 13 (UP). — Death "rays" may strike down millions of human beings if the European war continues, Dr. Antonio Longoria, wealthy Cleveland scientist and inventor, declared in an interview here.

Scientists generally are sceptical of so-called death-rays, which have long been a popular subject for imaginative speculation. But Dr. Longoria said he perfected an apparatus in 1933 which killed pigeons on the wing at four miles.

Later, he said, he destroyed the machine because of its inherent danger.

"It's quite possible that someone may stumble across the particular electric wave I used," said Dr. Longoria, who in 1936 sold a welding process described as "impossible" by others for a reputed $5,000,000. "I found it accidentally myself and I certainly am not proud of that discovery.

X-Ray Frequency

"The machine killed small animals and it could kill human beings just as easily. The 'ray' lies in one of the unexplored frequency bands in the vicinity of the X-ray. It kills painlessly, without burning, by changing the blood to a useless substance—as light changes silver salts in photography.

"But I don't like to talk about it, because it could wreck civilization. I'll have nothing to do with it. My hands will be clean."

Dr. Longoria first demonstrated his ray while working in California on a coloured motion picture process—which subsequently he sold to the industry. He said he took his apparatus to the top of a building there and demonstrated to a group of selected scientists that it could kill rabbits even when the animals were in a thick-walled aluminium case.

Marked Pigeons

Later, after he had returned to Cleveland, Dr. Longoria took a group of fellow-inventors to the top of his apartment-laboratory.

Giving them all field glasses, the little doctor released several marked pigeons and directed the inventors to watch them. He then prepared to give what he said would be his last demonstration of his fatal rays.

"I waited until the pigeons were out of sight of the unaided eye," the Spanish scientist said.

"Then I directed my apparatus toward the birds and caught one in the cross-hairs of the telescope which was aligned with the ray.

"It plummeted to the ground—killed instantly. I killed the other birds the same way, and when the experiment was over took my apparatus apart.

"I could assemble such a machine again, but I never shall. I have no drawings—the plans are in my head alone."

Inventions Brought Wealth

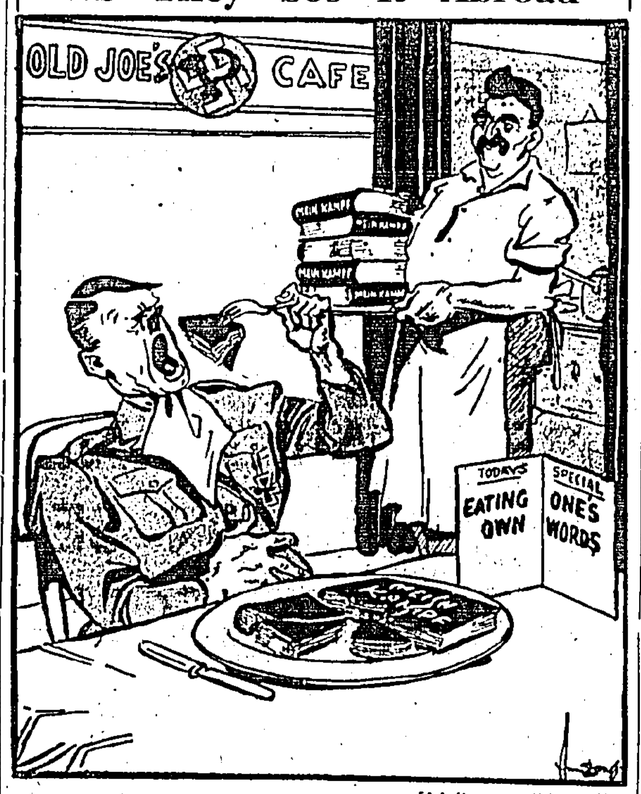
Dr. Longoria's earlier work included the development of telephone circuits making possible by measured frequencies 27 different conversations simultaneously over one pair of wires, and a process by which water may be purified electrically.

"My inventions have brought me wealth," he said. "I am interested now only in doing something to help civilization—which seems to be going backward instead of ahead. My welding ray now is an established success, and my medical work shows great progress.

"Never again will I assemble a deathray—for anyone."

In his laboratory—a vast, converted brick residence atop a cliff overlooking Lake Erie, the 50-year-old scientist works with five assistants on an electrical treatment for cancer. He is a doctor of medicine and holds two other degrees. He said other physicians have not accepted his theory of cancer treatment.

As They See It Abroad



- [Melbourne "Argus"

Afghan Move by Soviet Minimized by Britain

LONDON.—Whitehall authorities are undisturbed by reports of Russian troops moving toward Afghanistan.

It is true that a Russian threat to advance through Afghanistan upon India was, for a generation preceding the World War, a continual bogey to successive British Administrations in India. Indeed Whitehall's case for making India pay for maintaining as it has done a powerful army was long based almost entirely upon that possibility.

A Russian force actually reached Afghanistan in 1875. Prime Minister Gladstone prepared for war and finally the King of Denmark was called in to arbitrate the dispute.

Berlin's anti-British propaganda has seized upon this situation and much money and enterprise have been expended in Kabul where German air communications, business houses, and so-called educational institutions have been developed upon a scale quite disproportionate to the economic needs of Afghanistan. This country, although as large as France, possesses only 11,000,000 inhabitants who are mostly peasants with a characteristic Central Asian outlook.

Afghans Firm On Freedom

The Soviets of late years have been less active in Afghanistan than the Germans, but if there should now be active Russo-German co-operation against Britain then the way has been prepared for use of Russian pressure in that region.

It is regarded here as significant, however, that although in the past British relations with both Russia and Afghanistan have often been strained, nevertheless this threat has never yet become more than suppositional. In the first place the Afghans themselves are a brave and warlike people intensely determined not to submit to foreign invasion. Their young King Zahir Shah, advised as he has been by his uncles who are brothers of the late Ameer Nadir Shah, has in the six years he has been upon the Kabul throne shown himself a strong and prudent ruler. He has been determined to uphold the integrity of his country in close accord with the British whose own position behind the incredibly difficult mountain barrier separating India from Afghanistan has been made almost impregnable with permanent fortifications.

Region Of Frequent Forays

It is true that this mountain barrier is itself inhabited by independent tribesmen able to muster in all about a quarter of a million Moslem riflemen whose periodical forays into the settled districts of India on the one side of them and Afghanistan on the other have long immobilized considerable forces—Afghan as well as British—to keep them in order.

But this, while it has meant considerable burdens upon Indian and Afghan taxpayers, has been more a nuisance than a danger, since these tribesmen, difficult as they may be to control within their own borders, have been quite unqualified to face even small police forces once they enter more settled regions. It always has been possible in the past therefore to barricade them for a time if troops garrisoning their borders have had to be withdrawn for duty elsewhere.

Counteracting Propaganda

The stirring up of discontent in India by enemy propaganda among the masses is a more serious danger to British interest in the Orient. Delhi authorities often have been criticised for the inadequacy of their counter-measures in this connection.

To this, however, they recently have been waking up. Their "criminal intelligence" staff however is large and competent.

In the World War this organisation under the late Sir Charles Cleveland proved able from the very start of hostilities to put its hands upon the prime movers in such discontent. The chief measures taken were to intern large numbers of suspects and when this had been done the situation was easily kept in hand for the duration of the war.

Afghanistan is slowly emerging from oriental mediævalism, and some interesting progress is being made there in building roads, setting up factories, and also in starting a twice-weekly airplane service between it and Germany. But the whole thing is on a very small scale so far. Most of it is the work of Germans of whom there are about 125 in Afghanistan, also of Russians, of whom there may be a dozen, and of a few Japanese and half-a-dozen Britishers.

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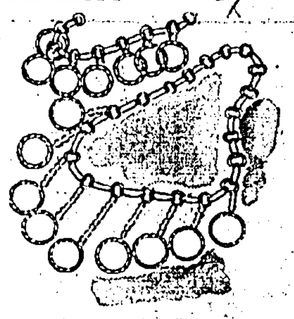

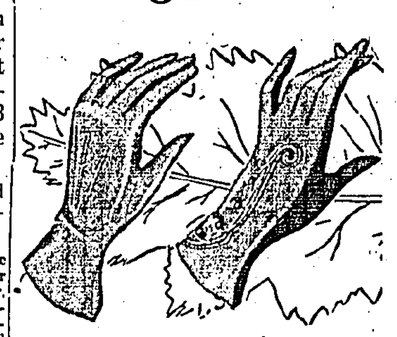

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Behind Hate's Mists

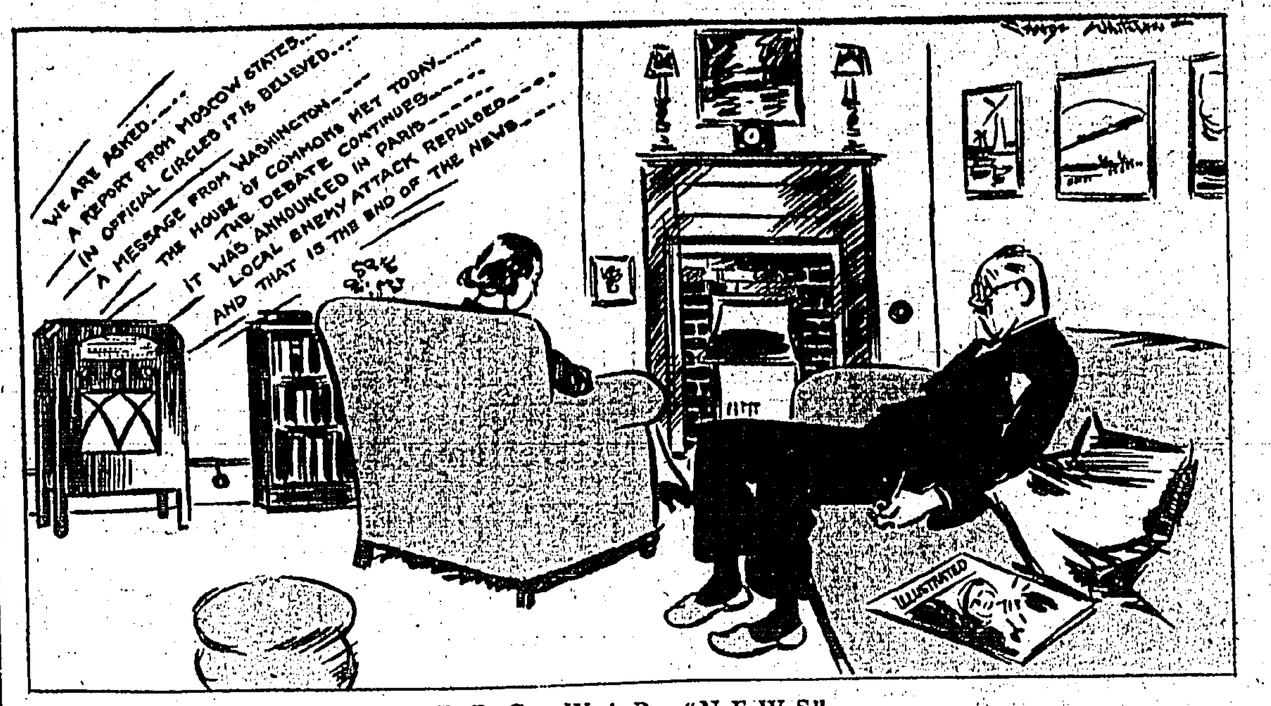
It is pleasant to learn that relatively few schools have dropped the study of German. Unreasoned and wholesale condemnation of all things "German" occurred in many parts of the world during the World War. After 1918 when travellers again began to visit Germany, they were surprised to find the Germans, as a whole, to be an enlightened, peace-loving, and lovable people.

The world should make positive distinctions between the rich German contributions to the world's treasuries of music, painting, and poetry, of scholarship, natural sciences, and inventions, and the political devices of Hitlerism.

We may easily discover whether our thought has been left sufficiently unguarded to become mesmerised by hateful concepts. A single illustration suffices. Are we looking upon "Munich" as a symbol of betrayal or do we see through the mist that has risen round this name since peace promises were made there?

If the latter, we continue to envisage one of the most beautiful and inspiring cities in the world. We continue to apprehend the ancient Bavarian capital, with its atmosphere of culture, friendliness, and enduring beauty, where Mozart first produced his "Don Giovanni" in the quaint little opera house of the Residenz, and where the Englischen Garten is a vast area of loveliness.

What's in a name? A great deal of evil at times may appear to be. But this aggressive suggestion is never defeated by permitting it to impinge upon our thinking. We may hold strong opinions on the political concepts suggested by Munich or by present expressions of Hitlerism, without letting them spoil for us the beauty and good which familiarity with things German may have provided.—*Christian Science Monitor.*



B. B. C. WAR "NEWS"

An American journalist says . . .

Too much fuss and nonsense!

The writer of this article is a leading member of the London staff of a famous U.S. newspaper.

"HITLER'S war" has entered its second month. From the point of view of the United States it has been Hitler's war, not only because the American people believe Hitler started it, but because from the point of view of the American Press Hitler has "stolen the front page."

He has done that partly because the war in the East has been the big news in the first month, also because the United States correspondents—and at the outbreak London was full of them—have not been able to do what their colleagues in Germany have done.

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That is to say, while American correspondents have been in the front lines in Poland and watched the war themselves, American correspondents in London have not been able to send eye-witness accounts of the British effort "of their own knowledge."

The Ministry of Information has two functions. The first is to supply official news; the second is to see that no information of aid to the enemy is spread.

As far as American correspondents are concerned, its work during the first month of the war in both these fields has been unsatisfactory. There are exceptions and notable ones and there are definite signs of improvement, but on the whole the United States Press corps in London has had nothing but headaches from this huge organisation.

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In the first field of action the Ministry immediately clamped down on the possibility of American correspondents getting the news as they like to get it—at first hand.

It has always been difficult for American newspapermen in London to go, as they are accustomed to go at home, straight to the source. The Ministry came along and passed a departmental order barring newspapermen from every Government building except its own, and barring conversation with every Government official except under the Ministry's egis.

At the beginning the Ministry took to passing out information itself. Take the case of the British raid on the Kiel Canal. It was one of the best stories of the war. But it was put out nine days late and then put out in the form of a tinned interview, obtained by the Ministry, mimeographed and distributed by the Ministry. Instead of acting as a channel between the Press and the proper Government Department—in this case the R.A.F.—the Ministry acted as an instrumentality itself.

The story was ignored in New York.

True, there are signs that the Ministry is reversing this procedure. It is becoming under Lord Macmillan more of a post office and less of a department in itself. But it will require long and careful work before the reform is fully complete.

American and English correspondents are still, after being told that their preparations were urgent, waiting to go to the front, waiting to see the British effort in the war at first hand.

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In many cases, of course, notably that of the Foreign Office, the Ministry has functioned splendidly. But it has done so only because the experienced Foreign Office Press officers have moved there and they work as they always did with the affection and confidence of most of the American Press.

On the censorship side, the picture is even worse.

One day last week the Ministry, in pursuit of its new policy of trying to let correspondents see for themselves, took a group on a tour of an R.A.F. station.

One American correspondent wrote a careful story based on information given him by R.A.F. officers during the tour.

Early in the morning the censor rang up to say that great chunks of it must come out. It was pointed out that all the information had been gathered under the Ministry's supervision, but the censor was adamant.

At six o'clock the following afternoon the Chief Censor's office called up and said that they had reconsidered and the deleted paragraphs could now be sent. They were told somewhat heatedly that the correspondent in question was working for a daily, not a weekly paper.

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This is typical of the manner in which the subordinate censors continually cut or delay stories to the despair of the correspondent. He takes the case to the top, to find, as he suspected, that he was right and the censor was wrong. But it is usually too late.

All the careful writing and pruning so as not to give away secrets is useless. And there is no redress. The correspondent cannot see the censor face to face. He must remain a voice on the telephone.

The American correspondents do not want to violate military rules or give away secrets. They want no lives on their consciences. Their plea is in reality a simple one. Subject to overriding considerations of human safety, let them do the job for which they are hired and trained. Let them cover one of the greatest stories of modern times—Britain at war.

They do not want to take sides. Britain is leaving her cause to the judgment of the world. But she is needlessly hindering the distribution of the facts on which the world must base its judgment.

King's Christmas Day Message To Empire

London.

THE KING will broadcast to his people on Christmas Day at the conclusion of a round-the-Empire programme.

It is hoped that, despite the difficulties of radio communication in wartime, it will be possible to take all the Dominion and colonial contributions to the programme direct, without using recordings.

On this special occasion a message from our ally, France, may be included.

GRIN AND BEAR IT By Lichty

"Remind me when it's 4.30—I promised to meet the wife at 2 and she'll be sore if I'm not there when she arrives!"

THREE GERMANS

THE three Germans I am thinking of all lived in South America, but they were all true Germans. And I think that on a small scale they represent the Germany of to-day.

The first I met when I was taken seriously ill in the interior of Brazil. The first house I reached was the home of the Simple German. Hans, he was called, took me in and gave me the only decent bed in the log and mud cabin. He gave me some strong spirits to drink, and then set off, on foot, to get the doctor from the nearest village. The village was twenty miles distant.

When the doctor came and suggested that I might have to stay in bed for some time Hans showed nothing but goodwill. He and his wife gave me every possible attention—and any attention at all was not so easy in that primitive home in the backwoods. When water was required he had to carry it half a mile. He had to get his supplies from the village twenty miles away, and usually there was no means of transport. But he supplied me with all reasonable needs, and soon I was eating Sauerkraut and drinking beer from an old-fashioned beer mug.

When I was better he refused all payment, and said he had done nothing. He was a great big, red-faced, boisterously cheerful Simple German. And as good a man as any.

The Mystic

The second was an artist. He had a studio in Buenos Aires, and painted commercial posters for a living. But the pictures he painted in his spare time were a bit incomprehensible to me. For he was the Mystic German.

He painted great canvases of most fantastic designs. The colours were beautiful, but usually I could make nothing of the pattern. I remember one however, which he called "Metropolis," and I saw something in that. There was a suggestion of the noise and bustle and ruthlessness and wealth and poverty which somehow or other meant something to me. No doubt his other pictures, too, meant something.

But the Mystic German is hard to understand. He had a kind heart, and in his more human moments had a quaint sense of humour. He drew the first caricature of Hitler I ever saw and the main feature was a whitewash brush. The Mystic German at that time did not approve of the Austrian "Dummkopf."

The Great German

I met the third German many times. He visited a house where I also called often. He was the Great German, and was forever boasting of the German superiority. I remember one day a number of us were having lunch together, and some of the party were eating frogs. I inquired, in all innocence, if frogs were eaten in Germany. To my amazement the Great German turned on me in a fury.

"I have you understand," he shouted, "that Germany is a great country, respected by all. Of course we eat frogs!"

I did manage to say that I hardly saw the connection between frog-eating and greatness, but the man's tremendous aggressiveness and his complete lack of humour staggered me.

I have another memory of the Great German. He owned a shop in Brazil, and his stock in trade was firearms. He took a great pride in his beautiful array of rifles, revolvers, pistols, and whatnot. Then one day there was a riot in the town, and the mob broke into his shop and took what they needed to defend them-

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OVERNIGHT NEWS PAGE

NO REASON FOR RUMOURS OF DISASTER TO BE SPREAD

SIRDHANA SUNK BY A MINE

EN ROUTE FOR HONGKONG

Singapore, Nov. 13.

The British liner Sirdhana, enroute to Hongkong from India, was sunk not far from Singapore yesterday, apparently as the result of striking a mine protecting Malayan waters.

In a brief message *United Press* stated that the ship sank in the remarkably short time of fifteen minutes after an explosion, apparently caused by a mine.

There were eleven deck passengers drowned, it was officially announced later, most of whom were children, and nine other Asiatics are missing.

An inquiry into the sinking is to be held to-day.

The Sirdhana had a number of European passengers aboard bound for Hongkong. Mr. Charles Hugo, brother of Mr. Victor Hugo, Manager of the Oriental Theatre, was aboard with a company of fifteen illusionists with whom he had been touring Australia and Malaya.

The party arrived back in Singapore having lost all their clothing and all the "props" for the acts which were to have been put on at the Oriental Theatre this week before they sailed for America.

This is the second ship to have been sunk by mines near Singapore—if that was the cause of the sinking—since the outbreak of war. The first was the freighter Hoegh Transporter.

The Sirdhana, of the British India Steam Navigation Company, is a ship well known here, having been on the Hongkong-India service for a large number of years. She was built at Newcastle in 1925 and was of 7,745 tons, 436 feet long and 57 broad.

She was originally due here to-day, but apparently was delayed and had not left Singapore long before the explosion, since private messages received in Hongkong last night indicated that passengers were taken back to Singapore, where the majority apparently were without any luggage, everything with which they were travelling having been lost owing to the rapidity with which the ship sank.

WESTERN FRONT

Paris, Nov. 13.

A communique reports a quiet night on the front as a whole.—*Reuter.*

Three Deep Impressions

London, Nov. 13.

"Somewhere in France" the five Empire Ministers who, with Mr. Anthony Eden, have been visiting the British zone at the front, were leaving this morning when Mr. Eden told a special correspondent with the British Expeditionary Force that no visitor could fail to notice the excellent condition of the troops which seems better than anything one could recollect 20 years ago. It was not surprising to learn that the note of sickness was so low.

Mr. Eden said that the Empire statesmen have received three deep impressions. First, the wonderful team work they found throughout the British Expeditionary Force from general headquarters to the front line; second, the surprisingly large area in depth and frontage of the British zone; third, the excellent relations between the British forces and the French civilians.—*Reuter.*

Caught By Air Alarm

London, Nov. 13.

A correspondent with the British Expeditionary Force reports that the Duke of Gloucester and Mr. Anthony Eden visiting France were caught by an air raid alarm in the front line zone, but no planes appeared.—*United Press.*

THREE GERMANS

(Continued from Page 4.)

selves from the police. The shop was wrecked in the process.

And the Great German wept over the ruin. Yes, I saw him, myself, blubbering like a great big child over his disordered armaments. And he whined about his losses.

In the Germany of to-day the Great German dominates. He will talk big and act ruthlessly and has completely dominated the Simple German and the Mystic German. But when the time comes for his beautiful armament shop to be wrecked he will whine and whine. And no doubt the Simple German and the Mystic German will pay for his losses.

Miller Watson

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Seattle Shaken By 'Quake

SEATTLE, Nov. 13 (United Press).—The severest earthquake within the memory of residents shook a 200-mile radius about Seattle before midnight, cracking pavements, brick walls and plaster.

Residents rushed to the streets. The telephones were swamped with frantic enquiries. Theatres were emptied very quickly, but there was no panic. There were no casualties.

CHINESE LABOURERS WANTED

Tokyo, Nov. 13.

A Shanghai dispatch to the *Asahi Shimbun* says that British and French authorities have requested the Chungking Government to send 3,000,000 coolies to Europe.

The report alleges that several hundred coolies have already left Honan and will embark for Europe either at Hongkong or in Indo-China. Another batch will be sent from South China to Singapore.

The paper points out that during the World War, 600,000 Chinese coolies were sent to Europe.

Chungking authorities readily agreed to the requests as a means of acquiring vitally-needed foreign currency.

It adds that Chinese workers will be concentrated in Honan from various provinces in North China and will then be sent abroad via Szechuan, Yunnan and Indo-China.—*Domei.*

Chungking Denial

Chungking, Nov. 13.

A Foreign Office spokesman flatly denied that China was sending 3,000,000 coolies to Europe at the request of the British and French authorities, accusing that the Japanese allegation was entirely false.

When asked for his opinion on it, the spokesman said that the allegation was unworthy of comment.

Officials here maintain that, as they declared earlier, China gives only moral support to the Allies, and they therefore discount this possibility as most remote, although they could do so as far as reserve manpower is concerned.—*United Press.*

Dutch Prime Minister Deprecates Alarm: German Army Split?

Nothing new has occurred to lighten or increase the tension in the Lowland countries where preparations against a possible Nazi invasion are continued despite a report emanating from Berlin asserting Germany's intention to respect the neutrality of Belgium and Holland.

It is now said that the Nazi army is being drawn out along the Italo-Austrian border which is regarded as evidence of the growing breach between the Axis Powers.

Amsterdam, Nov. 13.

M. Degeer asserted that there is no reason for rumours of disaster for the country to be spread abroad.

The reasons for it seemed to lie in foreign wireless and Press reports and certain actions of the Government. In times like the present it is necessary for even neutrals to adopt military measures.

"After the war in Poland, anxiety in the West has obviously increased, necessitating a temporary and greater demand on the intensity of our mobilisation," he said, "but it would be wrong to assume that the threat to our frontiers has become greater. The danger exists no more now than at the beginning of September when the entire defence force was mobilised."—*Reuter Special.*

Army Against It

Paris, Nov. 13.

The strong intervention of Generals von Reichenau and von Blaskowitz has so far stopped the Germans from invading Holland, according to the Zurich correspondent of *Le Journal.*

The Generals fear that such an act of aggression would cause the United States to take an active part in the conflict, says the correspondent, who claims to have received the information direct from Berlin.

The correspondent adds that the invasion is desired by Hitler's band of extremists.—*Reuter.*

Very Grave Decision

Paris, Nov. 13.

Discussing the strategic effects of a possible German invasion of neutral countries, M. Charles Morice in *Le Petit Parisien* says that the Germans are evidently hesitating to start an adventure which might have grave consequences for them in both the military and diplomatic fields.

Militarily, things would not be easy, as Germany could not march into Holland as into butter. The coast of the two small countries, which would suit Admiral Raeder and Field Marshal Goering for their naval and aerial operations, would not be easily occupied by the troops of General von Brauchitsch.

M. Jean Fabry in *Le Matin* writes that some 100 German divisions (over 3,000,000 men) have gathered between Basle and Eupen in the last three weeks. They may be there for a new attack, and they are also there to oppose a new Allied offensive.—*Reuter Special.*

Envoy Sees Queen

The Hague, Nov. 13.

It is learned that Mr. George A. Gordon, United States Minister, was received by Queen Wilhelmina at the Palace last night for an audience lasting half an hour. This is believed to be connected with the peace moves.—*Reuter.*

Many Aspects Of Cost

New York, Nov. 13.

Discussing the possible cost to Germany of the possible invasion of Holland and Belgium, the *New York Times* says it is to be measured not merely in ammunition, tanks, planes and German lives, but also in the profound effect it would undoubtedly have on neutral, particularly American, opinion.

It is obvious from the British and French replies to the Belgo-Dutch mediation offer that whatever the positive gains from war Britain and France may hope for, they have not lost sight of their main purpose—to redeem Europe from the perpetually recurring fear of general aggression.—*Reuter Special.*

New Peace Offer

London, Nov. 13.

A new Hitler peace offer has emerged as a possibility following the clear-cut British and French replies to the Belgo-Dutch appeal, according to neutral diplomatic quarters.

It is said that Hitler will not agree to surrender the conquered territory but is to offer to abandon his Colonial claims against Britain if an international conference is arranged immediately; but if the offer is refused, Hitler would declare the Allies as the aggressors and ask for the support of neutrals.

British sources think that the Anglo-French replies reiterate the previous terms for negotiation.—*United Press.*

LORD ROTHERMERE PUT IN WITNESS STAND

London, Nov. 13.

Details of the £5,000 a year contract with the Princess Hohenlohe were given by Lord Rothermere in evidence.

The first contract, he said, was made in July, 1932, when he wrote letters to the Princess dealing with what might happen to Germany and Hungary and asking her to let him know how his friends would regard his association with that policy, and to mention the matter to the Court Chamberlain and a certain foreign dignitary.

Instructions to approach the Empress Zita were also given.

A first cheque for £5,000 was paid in July, 1932, in addition to which he gave her £3,400 in two sums for expenses up to December, 1932.

It was also agreed to pay her £5,000 in January, 1934, and again in 1933.

Lord Rothermere denied that the first £5,000 had been paid in order that thre Princess might refrain from accepting £25,000 for certain newspaper articles.

Questioned concerning French Press libels, Lord Rothermere said that they were unquestionably serious, both as regards the Princess and himself.

After the fullest investigations in France, Lord Rothermere was advised to leave the libels alone.

Princess was Free Agent

The Princess, however, was perfectly free to take any action she liked, and he gave her the best advice obtainable in France.

When Counsel suggested that Lord Rothermere had promised the Princess that if he did not bring proceedings against the press for the libels he would keep her and her son for the rest of her life, Lord Rothermere said, "It is preposterous. It is entirely untrue."

Proceeding, Lord Rothermere said that the Princess continued to serve him well and he had a high opinion of her abilities.

He agreed that in one of his £5,000 payments he first by mistake made it out for £500.

"It does not surprise me," said Lord Rothermere, "for I am awfully foolish about money."

He did suggest that the Princess should live in a less expensive hotel, because from his observation she was spending right up to the hilt.

Questioned about payments to the Princess of two sums of £500 each and another of £1,000 in 1935, Lord Rothermere said, "There was no opportunity of "giving" her any money, because she was always asking for it."

Friendship With Germany

Lord Rothermere was closely cross-examined regarding the part he played in attempts to restore the Hungarian Monarchy and articles in the *Daily Mail* under his signature.

One of these was headed, "I want friendship with Germany," but "that was before Hitler ran amok," remarked Lord Rothermere.

Lord Rothermere denied that he would have secured for himself a niche in history if the Hohenzollerns and Hapsburgs had been restored.

He explained that he took up the Hungarian matter because he thought that on the death of Hindenburg the whole of Central Europe might go into the melting pot and the only way to stabilise the position was to restore the Hohenzollerns and Hapsburgs.

He admitted that the Princess was not a mere messenger boy. At comparatively rare intervals and on his instructions she had expounded his views to Hitler, Admiral Horthy and the ex-Crown Prince.

Paid £51,000 Or More

Questioned about a letter he sent to the Princess in July, 1936, regarding the French libels, Lord Rothermere recalled that the Princess had visited him and told him that she might have to undergo a very dangerous operation, followed by a long convalescence.

If anything happened to her she wanted the letter to be among her papers which her son should show to everybody regarding the libels. That was why he wrote the letter.

Later Lord Rothermere agreed to give her an engagement for 1937 and 1938, because she wanted the arrangement continued.

At the beginning of 1938, Lord Rothermere added he did not contemplate any more political missions. He was 70 and retiring from all kinds of work and on January 21, 1938, he gave her £1,700 before she left for Berlin to spend a holiday with Captain Wiedermann.

He did not ask the Princess to do anything further for him. He denied giving her permission to photograph any documents, though he made it a practice to give her copies of complimentary letters about her in correspondence with the Prime Minister of Hungary.

Counsel asked: "From July, 1932, to January, 1938, you paid the Princess £51,000?"

Lord Rothermere: "I should say considerably more."

Tough On Hitler

Lord Rothermere agreed that when the Princess went on his behalf to Berlin, he had expected her to live like a queen.

The Princess was always talking about money. "She would become dumb if she did not talk about money," he added.

"She was always pestering and badgering me. I sent her away to Budapest and Berlin."

Counsel for the Princess: But surely it was a little tough on Hitler to send the Princess to him merely because you wanted to get her out of London?

Lord Rothermere: Oh, I am not sorry. Hitler richly deserves it. In 1935 I thought Hitler was really a man who wanted peace above everything. I was wrong and so was half the population.

The hearing was adjourned.—*Reuter.*

CENTRAL EXECUTIVE

Chungking, Nov. 13.

Many important issues, particularly in connection with the forthcoming constitutional Government, are awaiting the decision of the Sixth Plenary Session of the Central Executive Control Committee, which is at present meeting in Chungking.

While the agenda has not yet been announced, it is believed that the proposals adopted by the recent National People's Political Congress, especially the recommendation for the early establishment of constitutional Government, will receive foremost attention.

Before the establishment of constitutional Government, Chinese circles say there must first be a National People's Congress at which the constitution of the Chinese Government will be discussed and adopted.

While China's foreign relations in connection with the present European conflict are expected to be reviewed, there can be no important departures from the foreign policy laid down by the Chinese Government and reaffirmed only yesterday by Marshal Chiang Kai-shek.

It is expected that the conference will reaffirm China's determination to carry on the war of resistance against Japan, and also issue a statement condemning the action of Mr. Wang Ching-wei and his followers.—*Reuter.*

U.-Boat Toll Decreasing

LONDON, Nov. 13 (Reuter).—It is authoritatively stated that U-boats claimed one victim last week, of 960 tons off the Carmathen coast. So far 32 neutral ships, aggregating 88,461 tons, having been sunk by German action.

It is understood that the British contraband control is now working much more smoothly. Ships are hardly ever delayed beyond two days in examination, it is stated.

During the first two months of the war more British ships were seized carrying contraband than ships of all other nations put together. This was due to vessels loading before the war started, and ships similarly loaded in the Far East are still arriving in British waters with contraband aboard.

Withdrawal Of Troops

Japanese Satisfied With Move

London, Nov. 13.

It is reliably reported that troop repatriations may be eventually extended to include Shanghai. It is pointed out that if and when this occurs American troops will replace those withdrawn, according to agreement.—*United Press.*

Japanese Satisfaction

Tokyo, Nov. 13.

Sir Robert Craigie visited the Premier, Admiral Nomura, to-day and officially informed him that the British Government has decided to remove the larger portion of its troops from Tientsin.

As the official reason for the withdrawal, the Ambassador cited the European requirements. He said that a small number of the Durham Light Infantry would remain in order to protect property and maintain order.

The Japanese reaction to this decision is considerable satisfaction. Some quarter regard it as the first move for eventual relinquishment of British interests in North China.—*United Press.*

Rights Not Given Up

London, Nov. 13.

Government quarters emphasise that while reducing the Tientsin, Peiping and Shanhaikwan garrisons from 1,000 to 200, Sir Robert Craigie's recent conversation have made it clear that the withdrawals are not involved with treaty rights.—*United Press.*

French Follow Lead

Tokyo, Nov. 13.

The decision of the French Government to reduce its garrisons in North China in view of the European conflict, was communicated to the Japanese Government by the French Ambassador here to-day.

M. Arsene Henry, the French Ambassador, was received by the Foreign Minister this afternoon.—*Domei.*

French Shanghai Garrison

Paris, Nov. 13.

The Quay d'Orsay admits the reduction of the garrisons in China since the outbreak of war, and says the strength in the Shanghai Concession has been reduced to one-third. This strength, it is stressed, maintain all extraterritorial prerogatives.—*United Press.*

Japanese Informed

Tokyo, Nov. 13.

Japanese quarters welcome the British decision, which they allege falls in line with the Japanese Government's representation on September 6 asking belligerent Powers to "eliminate all possible causes of untoward events between them and Japan in China."

It is not known here how many British troops will be withdrawn. Semi-official Japanese quarters estimate there are at present about 1,000 British troops in North China.—*Reuter.*

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"R. Abbit's" Cricket Comments

EXCELLENT GAME ON CLUB GROUND

Civil Service C.C. Win: Richardson and Pearce In Fine Batting Form

CONTRARY to my expectation, there was an excellent day's cricket on Saturday last, although there were several absentees in Camp.

The whole day match against the Civil Service at the H.K.C.C. ground was a most successful affair, though I think there were three members of the second eleven included in the Club side. T. E. Pearce made a welcome reappearance, and batted in his usual excellent style.

AS neither Ride nor Kilbee had been able to get away early Alec Pearce went in first, and the family partnership was most successful as the half-century was hoisted without loss. At 56, however, Alec Pearce played to glance a ball on the leg side, and was taken at the wicket. It is probable that it actually touched his pads and not his bat—the fielders on the leg side thought him not out—but it is one of the most difficult of decisions. In the straightforward catch at the wicket the umpire can—and must—rely upon deflection more than sound. But on the leg side deflection may come either from bat or pads.

Pearce had played watchful and excellent cricket, as he is not used to going in first, and had restrained his game a bit. I heard it said it was better cricket than the first fifty of his century the week before.

A COLLAPSE

THEN came trouble, for Ilsley failed, and T. E. Pearce got a really good one from Fenton which pitched on the blind spot and bowled him. Three wickets had thus fallen at 56. John Pearce held up an end, but Ride could not get the ball away, and was yorked in trying to open up.

Then came a stand between John Pearce and Kilbee who both got into the twenties, and the latter saw the hundred up when joined by Bosanquet, who was batting under difficulties with a heavily strapped thumb. But 103 for six wickets in an hour and a half was none too good in view of the excellent start, and the Civil Service, whose bowlers had done nobly, backed up by good and alert fielding, came in to tiffin in good heart.

After lunch the game was resumed at 2.05 and Bosanquet and Parsons faced McLellan and Perry. After two singles came from McLellan's first over, Parsons mistimed Perry and lifted the ball to McLellan at mid-off (108-7-2).

INTERESTING POSITION

CHARLTON succeeded and played out the over, and the position was interesting as Bosanquet—a sound bat—was there though handicapped by injury, and the two last to come, Robb and Fox, were both forcing batsmen who might or might not crack up a quick twenty or so. Charlton did not last long as he got inside one of Perry's, and was smartly taken in the gully by Whitley off a quick chance (110-8-1).

J. H. Fox succeeded and hit Perry to mid-wicket with a pulled shot for four, but he skied the last ball of the over and McLellan made a very good catch running back—one of the more difficult type of catches as it was spinning a lot. (114-9-4.)

The batsmen had crossed, and Robb played back to McLellan's first ball which kicked a bit. It went up towards short leg, and Fortescue dashed out from behind the sticks and took the catch, (114-10-0), and the last four wickets had fallen in 18 minutes for eleven runs.

CIVIL SERVICE BAT

FORTESCUE and Richardson opened the innings at 2.37. Ilsley started the bowling from the Naval Yard, and Richardson put his second ball behind point for a couple. The third kicked, but the fourth, a full toss, landed on the canopy of the Ladies' tent at square leg, and the sixth went to long leg for four, a beautiful shot. The eighth was glanced to fine leg—I thought it had hit his pads—and Richardson had taken 14 off the first over.

T. A. Pearce bowled at the Law Court end.—He was obviously turning the ball from the off quite a lot, and Fortescue only managed a single in the covers. He sent Ilsley's first ball, however, to long leg for four. A single sent 20 up.

RUNS BEGIN TO COME

IN T. A. Pearce's next over he was obviously turning a lot, and, after Fortescue had taken a four between extra and mid-off from a full toss, Richardson snicked a single round to long leg, and the bowler brought his extra cover to forward short leg, moving Ride to the backward position. Fortescue, however, managed to secure two more fours around mid-off, one lifted a bit.

ROBB KEEPS A LENGTH

ROBB went on for Ilsley, and Richardson glanced a couple to fine leg, and put a short one to long leg for four to send up forty. Next over T. A. Pearce bowled to Richardson with two forward short legs, and the batsman did not seem at all comfortable. However, he got a single, and Pearce pulled up mid-on, and shifted a forward to backward leg. But the response was a four through the covers.

Richardson sent up fifty in 25 minutes with a hook. It looked as if Robb was bowling leg breaks a good deal slower than I recollect his doing in the past, but he struck an excellent length.

A NARROW ESCAPE

JUST then the Club should have had a wicket as Richardson turned one to leg straight to a man. He never moved and said 'no,' but Fortescue galloped down the pitch. A poor return which the bowler could not quite get hold of alone saved him. However, after a single and a fine crack to extra cover for four by Fortescue, the latter hooked wildly at a shorter one from Robb and was bowled (55-1-27).

In his score the retiring batsman had six fours. I think he has not quite got the light yet for he had played several hooks before, and missed the ball altogether. He will have to watch those shots more closely, as the ball comes off at varying heights here much more than at Home.

MORE TROUBLE

PERRY came in and the score rose slowly to 66, when Richardson hit one hard from Robb into the covers, and a brilliant bit of fielding by Alec Pearce sent the ball in by the bails, and Fox made no mistake, and Perry was palpably out. He is, admittedly, a little slow between the wickets, but, to Alec Pearce, the run should not have been attempted.

Colledge came in and scored a couple of singles, but then fell into Alec Pearce's leg trap and turned the ball tamely into John Pearce's hands at short leg.

Richardson felt he must do something about it, and hooked Robb for four, put Pearce through the covers for four, and hooked him for a similar number. A two in the gully and a four to extra made a most useful 14 of the over, and 90 went up. He pulled Robb for a four to long on next over.

RUNS ARE HIT OFF

JOHN Pearce then relieved his brother at the Law Courts end. McLellan banged a short one to the long leg boundary, but propped one up to be c. & b. three balls later. (99-4-5). Paterson came in, and Alec Pearce came to silly mid off, but the batsman hooked the first ball to the square leg boundary and the hundred went up. Singles followed and Richardson hit John Pearce through the covers for four to send up 110. A snick for four through the slips, his first bad shot, tied the game, and a single in the covers gave Civil Service the victory by six wickets.

Just afterwards, Paterson was magnificently caught by T. A. Pearce at silly mid-off off a hard chance that never was more than a foot above the ground.

C.S.C.C. BAT ON

RICHARDSON continued until he was caught on the boundary by Parsons off a lofty drive—a good catch and a splendid innings. Hollidge, one of the youngest members of the side batted in very good form for 26, and the score was declared at 178 for nine—there were no extras!—to let the Club have a knock again. I gather they got about 130 for three—both Ride and Kilbee getting going in the forties and fifties, but by that time I was down at Craigengower.

Indians Save Game

CRAIGENGOWER, in spite of their losses, have set about pulling their side together, and they certainly gave a very good performance to run up 169 for 8 declared against the I.R.C., who are still without A. R. Minu. I was glad to see that H. P. Lim turned out again for Craigengower and got 17. I think it must be ten years or perhaps a little less, since he captained a very useful first eleven.

The first six men all got double figures, but the real stand was between G. Souza (48) and E. A. Lee (39). I am glad to see that Souza is getting into form again. A. H. Madar bore the brunt of the bowling, and took 5 for 39 in eleven overs, by no means a bad performance. The only other bowler to do anything was Bakar, but his three wickets were rather expensive.

The Indians started disastrously as Y. el Arculli was taken before a run had been scored. Nazarin and M. P. Madar considerably improved things, and they were very hard on Billimoria's first over before he found his lengths. After scoring 16, the former batsman was run out, backward leg throwing down his wicket when a sharp run was being attempted. Things looked serious, but A. H. Madar, as usual, settled down and

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The Rest football team which beat the United Services on Sunday. Included in the picture are Mr. W. E. Hollands (manager), Mr. Stokes (referee) and the linesmen. The team: (backrow—left to right) Leung King-cheung Lee Wai-tong, A. V. Gosano and Hau Ching-to.—*Mee Cheung.*

Megan Taylor Turns Ice Professional

SYDNEY, Nov. 13 (Reuter).—Miss Megan Taylor, English holder of the women's world figure-skating championship, has turned professional, according to her father, with whom she is co-starring in an ice review.

Miss Taylor will later tour America, from where she has received an offer of £300 weekly.

Basketball

Colony Girls Win By Last Minute Goal

MANILA, Nov. 13 (UP).—A last minute goal by Diana Chen captain of the Hongkong girls' basketball team, nosed out Manila's Chinese Y.W.C.A. team by 18 to 17 in the most exciting game of the Hongkong-Manila series so far.

Scores by quarter were Hongkong 6-4, Hongkong 11-10, Hongkong 12-14. Diana Chen scored eight points for Hongkong and Lau Shun-yee four.

Hongkong meets the Manila champion Anglo-Chinese team on Thursday.

Hockey Incident Probed

Apology To Be Sent To The Umpire

AN ENQUIRY into the recent hockey incident which led to the abandonment of the D.G.S.-Recreio "B" match was held yesterday at a meeting of the Hongkong Ladies Hockey Association.

The inquiry yesterday found that the Schoolgirls were to blame for disputing the decisions of one of the umpires, although it was at Recreio's suggestion that Mr. Gonsalves, one of the officiating umpires, decided to abandon the game.

The Diocesan Girls School were warned that repetition of a similar incident in the future would entail suspension for the rest of the season.

The inquiry suggested that in future either the gym mistress or one of the school's mistresses be present at the League games.

LETTER OF APOLOGY

The captain of the D.G.S. team said she would write a letter of apology to Mr. J. Gonsalves.

The Council of the Association decided to co-opt the gym mistresses of the D.G.S. and C.B.S. to the Council ex-officio, with no power to vote.

The first League matches of the season will be held on Saturday when Central British Association will entertain "Y" in the Caer Clark Cup League at 3 p.m., while "Y" Juniors will be at home to Central British Association, also at 3 p.m.

H.K.F.A. Team For Governor's Cup

The following have been chosen to represent the Hongkong Football Association against the Chinese Amateur Athletic Federation in the first round of the Governor's Cup to be played on Sunday November 19, on the Navy Ground at 3.30 p.m.

Robinson (R.N.); Hendy (R.N.), Sheehan (Midd.); Wilkinson (Midd.), Williamson (Kowloon), Coles (R.N.); Fowler (Club), Gosano (St. Joseph's) Captain, Hossack (R.S.), Thoburn (R.N.) and Middleton (R.N.). Reserves.—Drake (Midd.), Blackburn (Police), Bright (Midd.), Honniball (St. Joseph's), Ferrier (Police), and Gordon (R.S.).

Team manager, Inspector A. Kirby.

The Chinese A.A.F. will select their team to-day.

Football

Chinese Win Charity Game In S'hai

SHANGHAI, Nov. 13 (UP).—Before the biggest crowd seen in a soccer game in the last three years, a Chinese team narrowly defeated a combined British and French team by four goals to three at the Canidrome this afternoon.

A crowd which was estimated at nearly 20,000 completely packed the spacious stands and overflowed the field.

The proceeds of the match will go in the proportion of one-third each to the British War Fund, French War Fund and Chinese Refugee Relief.

The Anglo-French side included six British Services players.

Adamson Cup Qualifiers

Returning a card of 76-13=63, J. T. Reeve qualified for the Adamson Cup in the November qualifying round at Happy Valley over the past week-end.

Other scores were T. J. Price 74-9=65; Lt. Col. E. D. Matthews 78-12=66 and W. Ahern 77-9=68.

Football Pools

Correspondence Too Heavy For Present Conditions

THE POSTMASTER-GENERAL, Major G. C. Tryon, received a deputation from the Football Pools Promoters' Association, a little while ago, and informed them of the Government's decision that, in view of the strain already thrown on the Post Office by the war, the Government is of an opinion that the further burden involved in the resumption of pool transactions cannot be justified in present circumstances.

Ten million people are commonly estimated to have taken part regularly in football and other pool betting. It was estimated by the Postmaster-General in April that the Post Office derived £3,367,411 from football pool business in 1937-38. The annual turnover was estimated just over a year ago at £40,000,000, and it has been stated that 25,000 people were directly employed in the industry.

An official of the Union of Post Office Workers expressed great satisfaction at the Postmaster-General's decision.

GOLF AVERAGES

S. L. King Heads 1939 List With 72.87

S. L. King, a Ryder Cup player, of Knole Park, Sevenoaks, heads the list of averages with 72.87 for the season which came to a close at the beginning of the war.

The averages are based on the five major stroke tournaments, including the Open championship, with a minimum of 12 out of a maximum of 20 rounds. King's 16 rounds do not include the remarkable score of 133 (68 and 65) for his two rounds in the qualifying test for the match-play championship at Sundridge Park.

Owing to the season's curtailment the prize money amounted to £9,300 as against £13,000 last year. Following King, in order of merit are:

R. A. Whitcombe, 73.00; Henry Cotton & Padgham, 73.25 each; C. A. Whitcombe, 73.28; R. Burton, the Open champion, 73.43; W. J. Cox, 73.71; W. J. Branch, 73.94; D. J. Rees, 74.06; B. Gadd, 74.06; J. Adams, 74.1; J. Fallon, 74.11; M. Faulkner, 74.17; A. Perry, 74.18; T. Collings, 74.21; W. Shankland, 74.28; P. Allis, 74.33; A. Lees, 74.35; C. S. Denny, 74.5; S. A. Easterbrook, 74.9; E. E. Whitcombe, 74.92; G. Johnson, 74.93; C. H. Ward, 74.95, & A. J. Lacey, 75.00.

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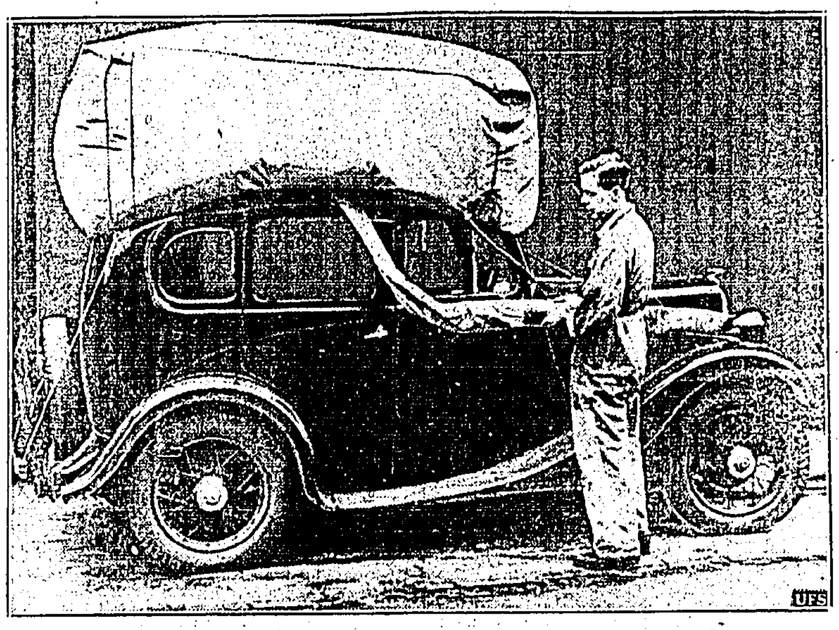

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As Britain, in common with other European nations, conserves gasoline for war purposes and puts restrictions on its use by civilians, automobiles are being equipped with balloons, as above, filled with manufactured gas. Cost of metal tank to hold gas under pressure is reported prohibitive.

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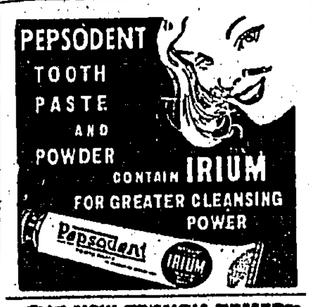

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A Look Through The "Telegraph"

50 YEARS AGO

Nov. 14, 1889.

"Money is uncomfortably tight," is the general cry throughout the Colony. We have no doubt that this assertion is absolutely correct but we can see nothing very surprising about it; money is always objectionally tight when one requires it very urgently. Of course there are special reasons why at the present time in Hongkong financial arrangements are not quite so easily managed as of yore.

It would be useless to attempt to disguise the fact that the present financial dead-lock is chiefly owing to the mad era of share speculation which for so many months transformed the commercial life of Hongkong into a gambling hell of the most dangerous and iniquitous type.

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A curious but useful feature of the theatres in Melbourne is that they are mostly equipped with billiard-rooms.

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Queen Victoria says she will not sit for her picture any more.

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Edinburgh with a population of 300,000 has no street cars on Sunday, giving the cab-men a monopoly which enables them to charge one-third more than on week days. There are no trains running and the day is given up to religious worship, running, and a good deal of whisky-drinking.

25 YEARS AGO

Nov. 14, 1914.

A despatch to the "Times" from Geneva says that the Suisse states that Emperor William is ill with inflammation of the lungs, as the result of having fallen into a trench filled with water.

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Considerable sensation has been created at Petrograd by discoveries made on board the German cruiser "Magdeburg" that was blown up after going ashore at the entrance of the Finnish Gulf. Among the articles lying about the decks on the afterpart, where boats were lowered for the majority of the crew to escape on the accompanying destroyers, were several specimens of the old "cat o' nine tails."

When the Russian authorities went through the ship they found one of these instruments in every officers cabin, and all bore signs of long and hard usage.

The public are to have an opportunity of inspecting these latest-discovered instruments of Prussian culture.

10 YEARS AGO

Nov. 14, 1929.

The Nobel Prize for Literature has been awarded to Thomas Mann, the famous German novelist. (Mann is in exile from the Nazis.—Ed.).

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H.R.H. the Duke of York, the King's second son, to-day addressed a meeting of the World Alliance for promoting international friendship through the churches. The meeting was held at No. 10 Downing Street.

Miss Isabel MacDonald presided, and the Archbishop of Canterbury, Lord Davidson (ex-Archbishop) and Lord Parmoor were present.

The Duke paid a tribute to the work of the Alliance. He said whether or not peace or war in future was to be the means of settling disputes must depend on the way in which the youth of the world is educated.

Contemplation of the horrors of the last war to the generation now growing up was rather the same as older people might look upon the Crimean War. It was not the horrors of the past, but a right understanding of the problems which faced us that would achieve the result which we so ardently desired. (The Duke is the present King.—Ed.).

5 YEARS AGO

Nov. 14, 1934.

It is believed here that because of the overwhelming popular endorsement of Administration policies as a result of the elections, industrial leaders are realising the futility of effective political opposition to the Administration and will co-operate with the Roosevelt scheme.

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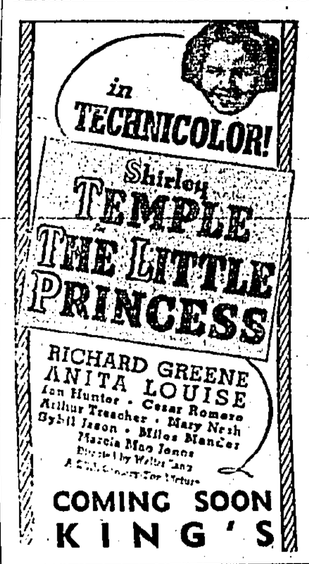

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Left, collarless in camel wool, with dark brown scarf and buttons and novel pocket flaps.

Above, right, short coat in grey, with grey and wine plaid skirt. Looks equally smart in checks with plain skirt.

1314

1315

1315 Second View

WINTER colours are gay, contrary to the general rule, for at this time of year fashions usually take on a sombre hue.

But this season purple heather tints vie with the warm browns and reds of the countryside.

Two main colours are used for new outfits. The coat in one, and skirt in another, while these are accentuated by a third or fourth colour in the hat and accessories.

In Paris I noticed many original ideas. Tartan plaid made half a jacket or perhaps was only used for the yoke. Patterned tweeds employed for the body of the coat had the sleeves in plain colour.

A new note in swaggers is the collarless design buttoning high to neck—comfy on cool days, as a scarf can be tucked inside.

A popular version of this fashion is shown in No. 1314. Made in a camel shade, it has dark brown leather buttons and the envelope flap pockets emphasise the neatness of the line.

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Worn with a brown skirt, and blouse or jumper of fern green with pull-on felt hat to match, you have a smart, up-to-date autumn outfit.

Backs are in the news. On the right are shown the front and back views of a short, boxy swagger coat. A yoked top gives a perfect swing to this design, No. 1315. It has a small collar and again pocket flaps are featured. The skirt, which is also included in pattern, is simply cut.

I suggest a bold plaid in grey and wine tones for the skirt with a coat of grey or wine. This outfit would look equally well if a small checked material was used for coat with skirt to tone or contrast.

Vegetable Pie

HERE is a good dish to try one "vegetarian day":—

Mash two pounds of potatoes, which have been baked or steamed in their skins and are old enough for this. Boil three medium-sized carrots and one parsnip, cut them into dice, and add them to the potatoes with a little raw shredded onion, if liked.

Butter a pie-dish, fill with the mixture, and pour over half a cupful of nourishing gravy, broth, or soup or meat or yeast extract dissolved in a similar quantity of boiling water.

Dot with butter, and bake in a hot oven for three-quarters of an hour, or until the pie is nicely browned on top. Turn it out on to a heated dish and pour thick gravy round. Alternatively, it can be served in the dish, the gravy being handed separately.

W. B.

FASHION NOTES

MANY of the new coats are in colours such as rusty red with soot-black for trimming. Rainbow plaid tweeds are characteristic of the new fashions in tailor-mades. Their fascinating colours have been suggested by the blues, browns, and greys of the Scottish valleys. Cloudy rose, silver sand, silver grey, gold, yellow, and dull turquoise, are but a few of these northern landscape colours which Paris designers have deemed fit to use this season.

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There are new and unexpected ways of using colours in tailor-mades. A dark green jacket and a lighter green skirt of the same tweed make a tailor-made suitable for the country or for morning wear in town, while slate-blue and beige checked tweeds may form the skirt to wear with a plain beige jacket. A yellowy-brown, the colour of the autumn leaves and gold and yellow checks make a suit to wear with a plain gorse yellow blouse. And tweeds of two different weights, the heavier for the jacket, the lighter weight for the skirt, are some new suggestions for the working of wool ensembles.

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The feminine handkerchief was ever a vagrant. Let it be said however, that the handkerchief is not wholly to blame. Circumstances over which it has had no control have contributed to its vagrant propensities. For the handkerchief has never had a settled home. It has never been given the opportunity to acquire homing habits. In the past, there was a time when it inhabited a pocket, but the feminine pocket of that period was voluminous, and accommodated dozens of odds and ends, and stood for the handkerchief more as a common lodging-house than as a home. Of the handkerchief's vicissitudes since that epoch, there is not space to write.

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1.30. Reuter and Rugby Press, Weather Forecast and Announcements.
1.45. Variety and Dance Music with Effie Atherton, John Henry, Anona Winn. The Hilo Hawaiian Orchestra and Others.
2.15. Close down.
6.00. An Hour of Popular Classics compered from the Studio.
7.00. Closing local Stock Quotations.
7.02. The Tomb Scene from Gounod's "Romeo and Juliet."
Sung by George Thill (Tenor) and Mlle. Feraldy (Soprano) with Orchestral accompaniment.
7.18. Two Violin Solos by George Boulanger.
African Serenade (Boulanger); American Vision (Boulanger).
8.25. Tchaikowsky—Concerto No. 1 In B Flat Minor, Op. 23.
Egon Petri (Piano) and the London Philharmonic Orchestra conducted by Walter Gochr.
8.00. Local Time Signal, Weather Report and Announcements.
8.03. Studio — Saxophone Recital by Palapo.
8.25. Grieg—Peer Gynt—Incidental Music.
Vienna Symphony Orchestra with Chorus, Conducted by Paul Kerby.
8.38. Stuart Robertson (Baritone) and the New Mayfair Orchestra.
9.05. Studio—Comments on Recent Events.
9.15. London Relay—The News.
9.30. London Relay—"Cards on the Table."
9.45. London Relay—"Ministry of Fun."
A Variety Programme.
10.15. A Programme of Dance Music.
11.00. Close down.

GRAVE DIFFICULTIES

Philippines Commissioner Voices a Warning

Manila, Nov. 13.

Mr. Francis B. Sayre, in a speech at the American Chamber of Commerce, warned that the Philippines is facing grave economic difficulties and can choose two methods for coping with them.

First, economic nationalism, which leads to strict Government control and goes hand in hand with dictatorship; and second, liberalisation of trade, freedom and economic initiative, following the United States' example.

"Philippine independence surely will not mean the end of American co-operation," he said. "Independence would of course mean changed conditions and far-reaching economic adjustments, but it will also mean the building up of new foundations which will be more permanent and sounder than the present artificial ones."—*United Press.*

DARDANUS MAIL

Brought From Canton By Japanese Steamer

The mail from the Imperial Airways plane Dardanus, which was forced down on Weichow Island on November 8, arrived here yesterday by a Japanese steamer from Canton.

The Postmaster General, Mr. E. I. Wynne-Jones and the Far Eastern Manager of Imperial Airways, Lieut.-Commander A. D. S. Murray, met the steamer and took off the mail.

It is not known whether the Japanese authorities in Canton who held the mail have been through it or carried out any censorship. The mail was examined by British authorities.

After inspection the mail will be forwarded by the Delphinus tomorrow.

Although messages have been sent from Hongkong to the pilot of Dardanus, Capt. J. N. Wilson, who is being held by the Japanese military authorities in Canton, they have not, it is believed, been delivered.

The co-pilot of the plane, Mr. J. F. Raeburn is also being held by the Japanese military authorities for investigation.

It is not known whether they have been placed in a military prison.

Passengers by the Delphinus, which arrived here yesterday, said from the time they left Hanoi they could see nothing below them until Fort Bayard but clouds.

The pilot of the Delphinus was forced to fly at 14,000 feet most of the way to obtain the benefit of favourable winds and flew solely on his bearings. At a lower altitude flying conditions were very bumpy.

The Japanese authorities demand that planes flying over the route fly 15 miles from the island and at an altitude of less than 500 metres (approximately 1,500 feet) so they may be easily identifiable.

On Goodwill Trip

Lima, Peru, Nov. 13.

The seven U.S. Army "flying fortresses" on a goodwill flight to South America will leave here on a non-stop flight to Asuncion, Paraguay. This flight has hitherto never been attempted non-stop.

The planes arrived here yesterday after flying 1,600 miles from Panama in eight hours, and were greeted at the airport by a crowd of thousands. —*Reuter.*

United Press adds that the planes arrived at the Tambo airport, Lima at 1.45 p.m. and were due to take off at 5 a.m. yesterday.

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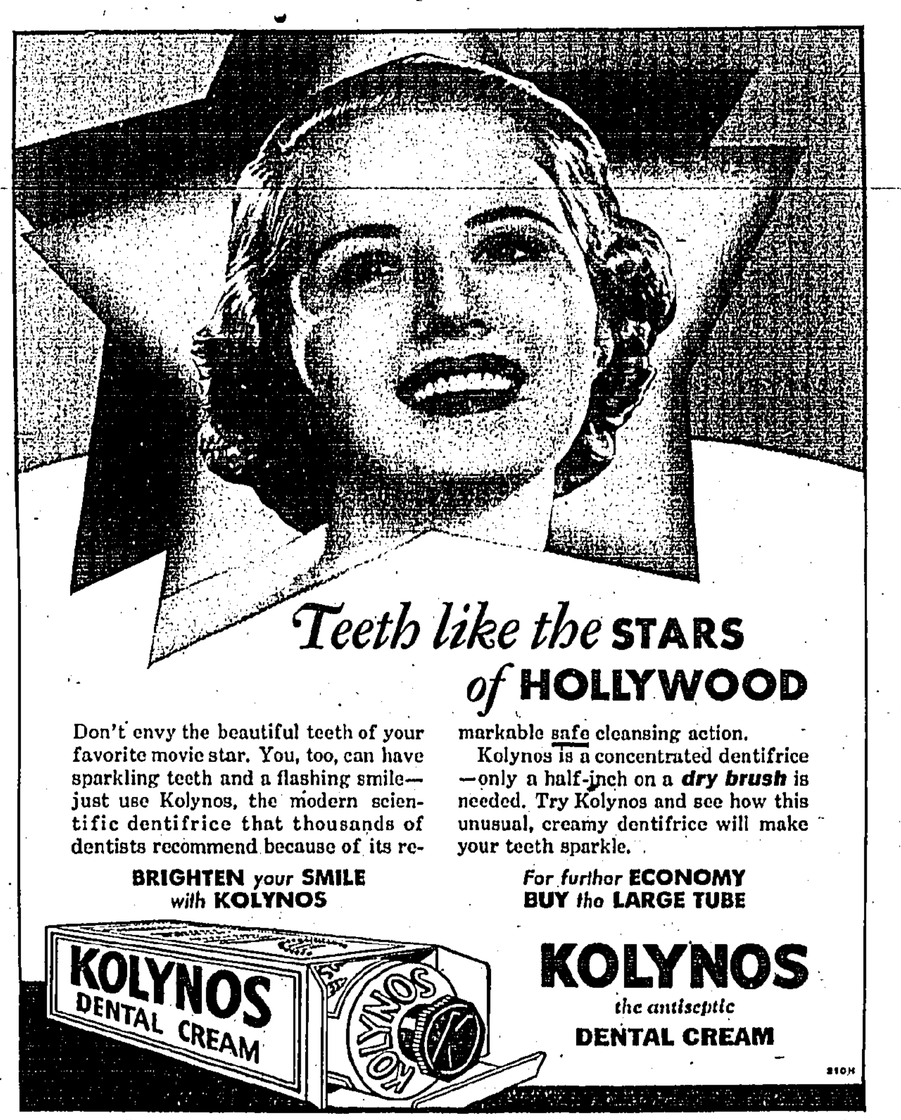

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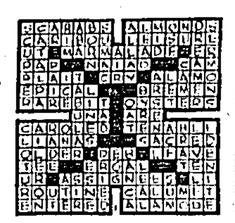
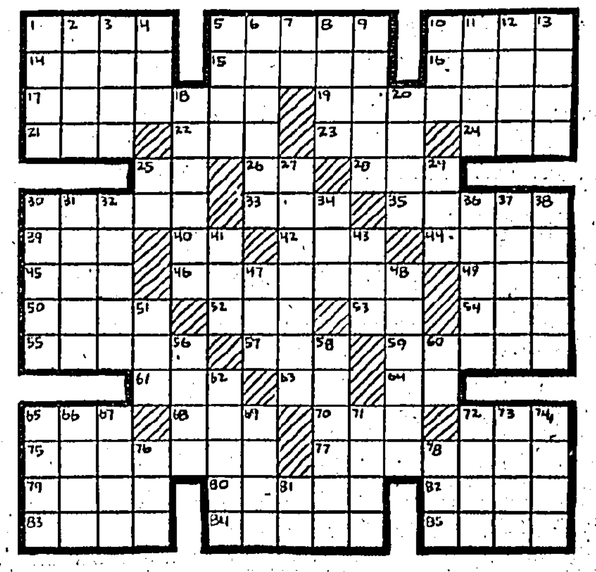


ACROSS

1—Wagers
5—Pointed weapon
10—Female voice
14—Painful feeling
15—Away from this place
16—Chamber
17—Betrayal of one's native land
19—Written message
21—Bring suit against
22—Number of dollars in eagle
23—Fixed
24—Japanese coin
25—In any case
26—King of Bashan
28—Permit
30—Color of grass
33—Catch suddenly (col.)
35—Revolving part
39—Poured
40—Elevated railroad (col.)
42—Parcel of land
44—Did live as
45—Social insect
46—Dealer in land
49—Tipsy (Scottish)
50—One who sees ahead
52—Utmost hyperbole
53—Myself
54—Salt
55—Harem
57—Some
59—Ice vehicles
61—Father
63—Tellurium
64—Close by
65—Sprite
68—In no way
70—Imitate
72—High card
75—Put out again
77—Young seal
79—Girl's name (poss.)
80—Small pies
83—Devices for propelling boat
83—Gratifying to utmost
84—Kills
85—Allowance for transportation weight

DOWN

1—Baseball tools
2—Light-yellowish brown
3—Second person singular
4—Ocean
5—Foot covering
6—Banner
7—In (French)
8—World War aviators
9—Push back
10—Land measure (pl.)
11—Great quantities
12—Entice
13—Prophetic sign
18—One who scrapes with stone
20—Roman road
25—Prefix: apart
27—Man of fashion
29—Pull
30—Green plants
31—Indian queen
32—Go in
34—Kind of fly
36—Sententious
37—Mountain nymph
38—Spoole
41—Civil War general
43—Thomas
47—In manner of
48—Remained
51—Knock sharply
56—Electrified molecules
58—Causing fermentation
60—Behold
62—Is sullen
65—Periods of time
66—Girl who loved a swan
67—Positive command
69—Aquatic bird
71—Go through
72—About wings
73—Goddess of grain
74—Long ago
76—Point of compass
78—Dorothy (col.)
81—Sun god



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War Minister's Statement To Commons Reveals New Facts

HOW THE BRITISH ARMY IS FARING ON WESTERN FRONT

Mr. Hore-Belisha, Secretary of State for War, described to the House of Commons recently the work of the Army, particularly the organisation by which the British Expeditionary Force of 158,000 men had been transported intact to France without a casualty. His chief points were:—

Altogether at the disposal of the Army in England alone, including the Reservists and Militia, we had at the outbreak of war the best part of 1,000,000 men on whom we could call. . . . This will not be the limit of effort.

The Middle East has been strongly reinforced and also our garrisons elsewhere, both in material and in men.

Men within the classes proclaimed are being called up in batches, and with each batch we are taking a quota of volunteers. . . . From the ranks we shall mainly derive our junior officers.

The British Army is under the French Command. The British Commander-in-Chief has a right of appeal to his own Cabinet. Understanding is complete and good and whole hearted.

Mr. Hore-Belisha said:—

I am able to inform the House that we have fulfilled—and more than fulfilled—our undertaking recently given to France to dispatch to that country in the event of war a British Expeditionary Force of a specified dimension within a specified time. (Cheers.) Nor are the contingents at present across the Channel the last that will arrive. Within six weeks of the outbreak of war in 1914 we had transported to France 148,000 men. Within five weeks of the outbreak of this war we had transported to France 158,000 men. During this period we have also created our base and lines of communication organisation so as to assure the regular flow of supplies and munitions of every kind and to receive further contingents as and when we may decide to send them.

The major operation is thus over and it is possible to speak to the House with frankness. I wish it had been prudent to do so previously.

Night by night we have awaited at the War Office for tidings of the arrival of the convoys. These have averaged three a night. It would have been encouraging to have shared at every stage the news as we received it with the nation, so uncertain of what was transpiring and so naturally eager for reports about its Army. The Press, like Parliament, willingly observed a reticence which in itself was a safeguard for our contingents. (Cheers.) There is no need for further silence, and a body of war correspondents has just arrived in France with the object of keeping us all informed of day-to-day impressions and happenings. (Cheers.)

It was a small body of specially selected officers in the War Office who with seven confidential clerks and typists secretly worked out every detail of this plan for moving the Army and the Royal Air Force to France. They foresaw and provided for every need: the selection of ports and docks, of roads and railways, of accommodation of all types, of rest camps and depots, of hospitals and repair shops, at every stage on both sides of the Channel. Their ingenuity, their precision and their patience would have baffled Bradshaw. Those who belong to the military profession, having in their arrangements to adjust themselves always to the unexpected and the unforeseen, have to show in the preparation and execution of complicated projects a resource and efficiency which can rarely be exacted from those engaged in civilian enterprises. The Expeditionary Force has been transported to France intact without a casualty to any of its personnel. (Cheers.)

New Problems

May I describe to the House some aspects in which the task on this occasion has differed from that of 1914, although, as one watches the process, continuing with the smoothness of a machine, one finds it hard to believe that there has been a break of 25 years in the passage of these two Armies. Then the men marched on to the ships, the horses were led, and a light derrick could lift what the soldier could not carry. In those days there were only 800 mechanised vehicles in all, and it was a rare load that exceeded a couple of tons.

We have already on this occasion transported to France more than 25,000 vehicles, including tanks, some of them of enormous dimensions and weighing 15 tons apiece or more. Normal shore cranes could not raise them, special ships were required to carry them, and highly trained stevedores to manipulate them. Consequently, as contrasted with 1914, where ordinary vessels took men and material together from the usual ports, in this case the men travelled separately and the heavier mechanisms had to be transported from more distant ports, where special facilities were available. The arrangements for the reunion of the troops and their material on the other side made an additional complication.

Similarly, and for other reasons also, more remote landing-places had to be selected in France, thus making the voyages much longer.

Again, internally, and as a precaution against air attack, more devious internal routes were taken than in 1914. Vehicles and men were dispersed in small groups, halted in concealed areas by day and moved onwards by night.

As with transport, so with maintenance the problem has become greater than it was a generation ago. Every horse eats the same food and can continue, like man, to move though hungry. Vehicles come to a standstill when their tanks are empty. (Laughter.) There are in France 50 types of vehicle and most of them require a different grade of fuel and lubricants. Great reserves have had to be conveyed and stored. There is a ready way of dealing with a lame horse. The veterinary surgeon's outfit is now replaced by a series of completely equipped workshops in France.

None of these problems existed, except in embryo, in 1914. It was a light Army that travelled then. Nearly 60 per cent. of the fighting troops in 1914 were infantrymen, relying on their rifles and bayonets and two machine-guns a battalion. Now only 20 per cent. of the fighting troops are infantrymen, with 50 Bren guns, 22 anti-tank rifles, and other weapons as well with each battalion. It will be seen by this one example how much more effectively armed with fire-power is the present Expeditionary Force.

Men In Fine Spirit

There is, however, one respect in which our Army has not altered; its relations with our Allies—(cheers)—who have welcomed the men so generously—are as good humoured. The catchwords of the soldiers are as amusing.

I was fortunate to see some of them myself on my recent visit to G.H.Q. I would like their parents and wives to know that they are in fine spirit. The only serious shortcomings at the moment are an inadequacy of cigarettes and a slowness in the delivery of letters. (Hear, hear.)

The Commander-in-Chief and his Corps Commanders report of them in terms of the highest pride. At this moment they are busily engaged in fortifying their positions in the line. Civilian skill and machinery are augmenting our military resources. We are determined to perfect existing defences and to supplement them speedily by every means.

To all those who have co-operated in this military movement, to the various Government Departments, both in this country and in France, the gratitude of this nation is due. (Hear, hear.) Especially, however, should the achievement be recorded as evidence that the maritime might of Britain is unimpaired. (Hear, hear.) The Navy has not lost its secret and the Air Force has held its protecting wings over another element of danger.

(Continued on Next Column.)

It is not only to France that British soldiers have been transported. The Middle East has been strongly reinforced and also our garrisons elsewhere, both in material and in men.

One part of our Army, however, remains stationary in this country, waiting and watching, in little groups. In isolated stations the anti-aircraft units have been on guard since.

Goebbels libels Vatican in Berlin Newspaper

Goebbels is in trouble again—this time for a libellous statement against the Vatican which has gravely offended Catholic opinion throughout Italy and Spain.

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He stated in his paper "Angriff" that the Vatican had accepted bribes from the Allies for quoting "exaggerated German losses" on the Polish front and publishing them in "Osservatore Romano," the Vatican paper. Spanish and Italian radio repeated this statement.

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It has created such a storm that the Vatican has protested to the German Government. Goebbels has received an angry message from Hitler telling him not to publish anything anti-Catholic that could be quoted abroad.

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With Italy slipping farther away from Germany, Hitler does not want to outrage Italian opinion.

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Germany's plan that Russia should build many of her U-Boats has been abandoned because Nazi experts, as already stated have reported adversely of Russian building.

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But Russia has prevailed on Germany to undertake construction of a number of Soviet warships, with Soviet materials. These will be used to augment the Baltic fleet which cuts Germany off from the north. Another Stalin victory.

Tuberculosis In Colony

There are no apparent signs that Tuberculosis is increasing in the Colony following the requirement of its notification as an infectious disease last January.

As the notification only commenced early this year, it is difficult to indicate whether the actual proportion of cases to the total population shows an increase over that experienced in previous years, said the Director of Medical Services, Dr. P. S. Selwyn Clarke.

On the other hand as regards deaths, the notification of which has been compulsory for many years, the number for the first ten months of this year was 3,736 as compared with 2,410, 4028, and 4,020 for the whole 12 months of 1936, 1937 and 1938 respectively.

The ratio of deaths per 1,000 of the population for the first ten months of this year is 3.50, whilst those for the years 1936, 1937 and 1938 were 2.44,4, and 4.78 respectively.

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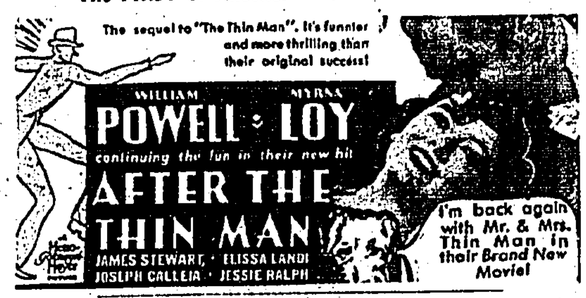

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PLANES BOMB SUBMARINE

Believed Direct Hit Was Made

LONDON, Nov. 13 (Reuter). — British reconnaissance aircraft carried out an attack on a submarine yesterday, it was officially announced.

A U-boat was spotted on the surface and immediately began to submerge but a salvo of bombs was dropped.

One appeared to make a direct hit when the submarine had reached periscope depth.

The sea was rough and the broken water prevented signs of damage being accurately observed.

SHORTAGE OF PORK

Decrease In Importation Of Pigs from China

A further increase in the price of pork, from about 55 cents per catty to about 80 cents per catty, during the last two weeks, is said to be due to a shortage of supplies arriving in the Colony.

Dealers at the Central Market state that about 1,000 pigs are slaughtered daily in normal times, but only about 300 pigs are arriving in the Colony every day. The pigs, most of which come from Hoihow and Kwongchowwan, were sold at around $20 per picul, but they were now paying about $45 a picul.

In some respect the present shortage of pork is due to the Japanese blockade of Pakhoi, one of the chief outlets of pig exporting centres. Frequent Japanese warship attacks on junks around Pakhoi has been a great hindrance to the movement of goods from Pakhoi. One or two British ships have been prevented from loading.

The latest news from this southern port says that the blockade shows signs of relaxation due to the departure of most Japanese warships, except one.

A number of dealers and stallholders were sending out buyers to Kowloon and the New Territories for supplies, but these were not sufficient to meet the local demand.

There are at present 12 pork stalls vacant out of 62 in the Central Market. Stall-holders state that the rent is still too high, being around $45 per month compared with $10 to $15 in the old market.

A tour of the market during the peak period yesterday afternoon confirmed the remarks made by Mr. R. R. Todd, Chairman of the Urban Council when the market was opened for business. Mr. Todd said: "Some of the higher rents which were tendered may be economically unsound. Time alone will show whether this is so or not."

Rentals were, considerably reduced about two months after the opening, but the present rentals are still considered unprofitable.

The vegetable dealers appear to be the hardest hit, as there were 17 stalls vacant out of a total of 50. The general reason given is the inability of the Police to clear the vegetable hawkers from the side streets near the market; although the present state of affairs is considered better than a short time ago.

The fish section of the market appeared to be doing very well. There are four stalls vacant out of 31 in the fruit section, and five vacant out of 40 in the meat section.

LATE NEWS

DONATION TO FUND

A decision to give $1,000 to the British War Organisation Fund to be spent in providing comfort for the troops, was made at the annual meeting of the St. Patrick's Society of Hongkong held at the Hongkong Hotel last evening.

Mr. C. G. Perdue presided at the meeting, which was followed by a cocktail party.

It was also decided that no members of the Navy, Army or Royal Air Force, or lady members should be required to pay entrance fees.

"It is unfair to ask members of the fighting services to pay entrance fees now that their stay in the Colony is liable to be so short," said Mr. Perdue.

Pointing out that the Society was in quite a flourishing financial state, Mr. Perdue said the expenditure in purchasing a set of Irish bagpipes involved only an increase in goods. It was especially fitting that as the Society was fortunate in having Mr. Begdon as its piper, it should have its own pipes for use on various occasions.

The proposal to give $1,000 to the British War Organisation Fund was made by Mr. G. P. Murphy.

Seconding the proposal, Mr. Perdue said that he had spoken to Sir Atholl MacGregor regarding how money remitted to the Fund would be spent, and he had been informed that money sent would be spent in any way the donors wished.

Dr. G. W. Pope suggested the donation be earmarked to provide comfort for the troops.

An amendment to the proposal that the amount be raised to £100, made by Mr. J. Grenham, was defeated.

It was decided that the fees for membership should consist of an entrance fee of $5 and an annual subscription, payable on October 1 each year, of $5. The fee for Life Membership was reduced from $100 to $50.

It was agreed that Honorary Life Members might be elected at any annual general meeting, and that such Life Members should be nominated by the General Committee and should not be required to pay subscriptions.

In order to give each incoming President a tangible token of appreciation it was decided to present them with a gold badge of the Society when they assumed office.

The form of social functions for 1940, if any, was left to the incoming committee.

A vote of thanks to the retiring President was proposed by Mr. C. E. Terry.

The following officers were elected. President, Mr. J. C. M. Grenham; Committee, Messrs. C. E. Terry, P. J. Hamilton, F. P. R. James, D. J. Crozier, R. J. Minnitt and M. G. O'Connor; Hon. Secretary, Mr. B. H. C. Hallowes and the Hon. Treasurer, Mr. P. J. A. Hamilton, and the Hon. Auditors, Messrs. W. B. Flanigan and F. G. Maunder, were re-elected.

Munich Plot Sequel

Gestapo Now Arresting Each Other

LONDON, Nov. 13 (Reuter). —Reports from neutral sources indicate that the Gestapo is maintaining its mass arrests following the Munich bombing.

The Gestapo seems to be using the bombing as an excuse to arrest Germans with property and those who might be potential dangers to the Nazis.

The Gestapo claims to have traced portions of the bomb mechanism to two firms which manufacture such clockwork.

According to the German "Freedom" station, however, the Gestapo itself is far from comfortable.

Gestapo Men Arrested

Members of the Gestapo, reports the station, are accusing one another of complicity and several Gestapomen have been arrested. One Gestapoman is reported as saying: "It is exactly like that which prevailed on the eve of the blood purge of June, 1934."

All information about Hitler's movements are now kept secret.

For instance, his personal flag was flown above the Chancellery when it was known for a fact that he was in Munich at the time.

Sarcastic B.B.C. Commentary

LONDON, Nov. 13 (Reuter). — In a talk from Daventry to-night, a British journalist who had been in Germany for the past 18 years, spoke about the Munich bombing.

The German propaganda machine, he said, is trying to trace some connection between Mr. Chamberlain's gout and the bombing—although whether the gout was brought on by excitement while awaiting the result of the wicked plot or disappointment at the failure of the British Secret Service to "get" Hitler is not made clear.

The Nazi propaganda machine also compares Henry II's "Will none rid me of this fellow?" which resulted in the death hundreds of years ago of Thomas a'Beckett, with Mr. Chamberlain's "We must get rid of Hitlerism," which, it is suggested, set off his faithful agents to start the bomb outrage.

But They Don't Believe It

It is very obvious that the Nazis do not believe in this themselves by the way they are carrying out mass arrests of Germans.

But neither Jews, Catholics, Monarchists or Communists—all of whom might have justification for bitter feelings against Hitler and his cohorts—would have perpetrated such an outrage.

On the other hand, it might have been perpetrated by those Nazis who are malcontents, or who find themselves unable to reconcile themselves with the pact with Moscow.

It is also suggested that it was a second "Reichstag fire," that is, that it was perpetrated by the Gestapo itself.

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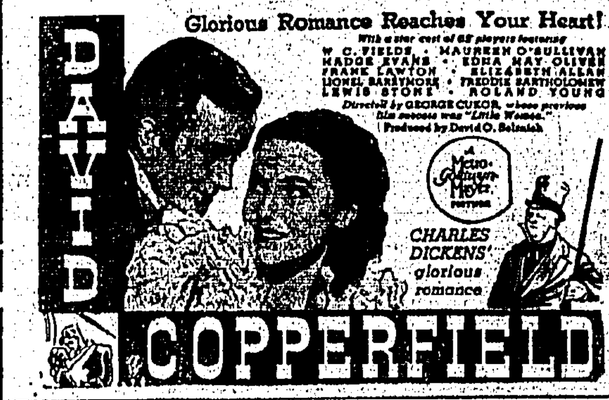

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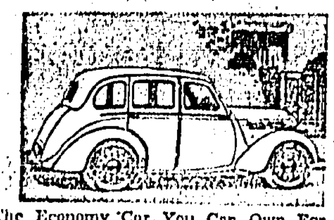

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SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

SINGAPORE, NOV. 13 (UP).—THOUSANDS OF PEOPLE ON SINGAPORE'S WATERFRONT WATCHED THE 7,743-TON B.I. STEAMER SIRDHANA PLUNGE TO HER DOOM IN THE SINGAPORE ROADS THIS MORNING, AFTER STRIKING A FLOATING MINE.

Eleven Asiatic passengers are dead and nine are missing.

The liner sank fifteen minutes after striking the mine.

Passengers, who included many Europeans on route to Hongkong, lost all their possessions.

Over a hundred Chinese deportees who were incarcerated aboard ship behind iron grilles were saved through the prompt action of a Hongkong police inspector, who shattered the lock on the grille door with a shot from his revolver. The deportees were en route to Hongkong.

Among the passengers were Nicola the Great, the well-known illusionist, and his troupe of fifteen, who were to have opened a season at the Majestic Theatre in Hongkong this week.

Nicola the Great is under the managership of Mr. Charles Hugo, brother of Mr. Vic Hugo, the popular Hongkong showman and manager of the Oriental Theatre. Mr. Charles Hugo was also aboard the ship.

The Nicola troupe lost all their equipment, which was valued at $200,000 Straits currency. It was not insured.

The Chief Officer of a nearby Japanese ship was the first person on the scene. He pulled across the intervening water in a small rowing boat, and was instrumental in saving several people.

Sampans, junks, harbour tugs and naval launches shortly afterwards arrived.

Sank In 15 Minutes

SINGAPORE, Nov. 13 (Reuter).—The B.I. steamer Sirdhana foundered in 15 minutes in the Singapore Roads this morning. She is believed to have struck a mine.

Eleven Asiatic passengers are dead and nine are missing.

Passengers included 137 Chinese deportees, most of whom were imprisoned behind a steel grille in the forward hold.

They were saved by prompt action by a British Police Inspector, who blew the lock open with a gun.

The American magician, Nicola, with his wife and troupe, were saved but lost their equipment.

Boarded Last Life-Boat

Nicola told "Reuter" that he and his wife managed to board the last life-boat, holding 70, just as the ship sank.

After rowing for half an hour, the life-boat was taken in tow by a rescue launch.

"Two men of my company, unable to get into the life-boat, dived off as the vessel heeled. They clung to some wreckage.

"After being picked up by a launch, they helped in rescue work.

"None of my property was insured and I have lost a fortune," he said.

Netherlanders Urged To Keep Calm And Prepare For Every Eventuality

IGNORE RUMOURS, SAYS PREMIER

THE HAGUE, Nov. 13 (Reuter).—The Netherlands Prime Minister broadcast this afternoon on Holland's defence measures.

Wild rumours, he said, had been circulated in Holland. These were apparently based on foreign reports and were the result of the defence measures.

He asked the Dutch people to ignore the rumours and to remember that countries at war always held the darkest views about their opponents' intentions.

Danger Admitted

Concerning the defence measures, the Dutch premier said that it was always necessary for neutral countries to adjust their military precautions in accordance with the conditions that existed.

The danger to-day, he said, was no more than it was in the early days of September.

They must be prepared for all eventualities.

The Netherlands Government, he said, had not the slightest information which would shake its belief in the assurances given it by both the warring parties.

German Promise

LONDON, Nov. 13 (Reuter).—The Berlin official news agency stated that Germany intended to respect the neutrality of Holland and Belgium so long as Holland and Belgium showed themselves capable of preserving neutrality.

BRITAIN'S WITHDRAWAL OF TROOPS

No Question Of "Sell Out" To Japan

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

LONDON, Nov. 13 (UP).—Quarters close to the Chinese Embassy, although scarcely pleased, appear reconciled to the British withdrawals of troops, due to the fact that it is accompanied by the firm assurance of Great Britain's unchanging policy of neutrality.

The British Ambassador to Japan, Sir Robert Craigie, in recent conversations at Tokyo, emphasised to Japan that the move involves no sacrifice of British rights or interests under the various treaties pertaining to China, and similarly notified the United States, France and Italy, as signatories of the Boxer protocol who maintain troops in China.

Washington has been continuously informed of the British intentions.

It is stated in British circles that the North China garrisons would have been withdrawn earlier had it not been for Japanese pressure, under which the British authorities were not willing to act.

French Troops

PARIS, Nov. 13 (UP).—The Quai d'Orsay states that France is maintaining her troops in China: firstly, to assure a guard for the French Government buildings at Peiping and other cities; secondly, a reduced garrison at the Shanghai Concession; thirdly, full strength at Tientsin to maintain French rights; and, fourthly, the majority of troops will be withdrawn from Canton for service elsewhere in the Empire.

All Governments have been informed of these temporary garrison reductions. France will maintain all garrisons and extra-territorial prerogatives in China.

Increase In Unemployed

Labour Minister's Warning

LONDON, Nov. 13 (Reuter).—A special commentary issued to-day states:

The British Labour Minister, discussing the British employment situation, points out that a temporary increase in unemployment is inevitable owing to the changeover from peace to war.

The increase is less than in 1914 although the changeover was more rapid, and the total population between the ages of 16 and 64 is five and a half millions greater than in 1914.

Demand For Labour Soon

The rapid rise in the demand for labour for war purposes is expected shortly.

The Labour Minister emphasises the immense importance of a free organisation of employers and the work people.

Employers and the work people sometimes have differences, but when they have hammered out the points at issue and have reached an agreement, they go to work with a will that is far more effective than anything that regimented and dragooned industry can achieve.

BURMAH'S NEW AERODROME

LONDON, Nov. 13 (Reuter).—The Government of Burmah has approved setting aside an aerodrome for providing facilities for training and flying.

South Africa To Subsidise Her Exports

JOHANNESBURG, Nov. 13 (Reuter). — The Governor-General of South Africa, Sir Patrick Duncan, has accepted the post of Colonel-in-Chief of the South African Air Force.

South African exports of beef and mutton will soon be subsidised.

Bounties will be paid on exports up to a maximum of 10,000 carcases, 20,000 sides and 40,000 quarters of beef.

South African emergency regulations will be relaxed, whereby certain persons who have been interned, will be released on parole.

This is because the country is now quiet.

LITHUANIA TO HELP JEWS

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

KAUNAS, Nov. 13 (Reuter).—Lithuania has agreed to grant asylum to 1,500 Jews whom the Nazis have expelled from the Suvalki district.

Lithuania has already protested to Berlin regarding the thousands of Jews driven towards the Lithuanian frontier, but has received no reply.

DESPERATE NAZI NAVY

Has To Resort To Ruthlessness

LONDON, Nov. 13 (Reuter).—A special commentary issued to-day states that Germany, not having command of the sea outside the Baltic, cannot, like the Allies, exercise legal contraband control.

Therefore she is attempting to force neutrals to pass through the Kiel Canal, or to call at north-west German ports.

Brilliant Convoy Success

Realising her futility, she has resorted to ruthless sinking of neutral ships in a desperate attempt to prevent trade with Britain, but the perils are small when the ships follow instructions of the sea-commanding British Navy.

Nearly 3,000 British merchant ships are already convoyed. There have been only three losses.

British Destroyer Attacks German Steamer

REYKJAVIK, Nov. 13 (Reuter).—An S.O.S. call from a Hamburg steamer, Parana, reporting an attack by a British destroyer, has been picked up by the radio station here.

The Parana is a German steamer of 6,038 tons and was built in 1921.

Two Nazi Ships Sunk

LONDON, Nov. 13 (Reuter).—It is officially announced that the German steamers, Mecklenburg and Parana, 6,000 tons and 6,000 tons respectively, were intercepted by British warships.

The crews abandoned them in a sinking condition.

The warships rescued the crews and sank the vessels by gun-fire to prevent them from becoming dangers to navigation.

British Ship Sunk

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

BERLIN, Nov. 13 (Reuter).—A German submarine sank the British vessel, Ponzano, 1,346 tons, in the Atlantic, according to the German news agency.

A message from Vigo says that a Japanese ship reports having sighted a German submarine and shortly afterwards intercepted an S.O.S. from the Ponzano stating that it had tried to escape the U-boat but was stopped and fired upon.

NAZI SYSTEM MUST PERISH

Declares "Freedom" Broadcast

LONDON, Nov. 13 (Reuter).—The German "Freedom" station declared:

"The Nazi regime must perish so that Germany can live again.

"A system which has murdered General von Fritsch and daily is murdering thousands of Germany's finest men; a system which sends hundreds of thousands to be slaughtered on the battlefield, has no right to live."

FINLAND'S POSITION EXPLAINED

Cannot Concede The South Baltic Port

LONDON, Nov. 13 (Reuter).—In a talk from Daventry to-night, a Finnish professor said that the deadlock in the Finnish-Soviet negotiations had arisen as the result of the Russian territorial demands on Finland in both the extreme north and extreme south.

Finland and the Soviet, he said, had been at peace ever since the freely-concluded treaty of 1920, when Finland's present territory was unconditionally recognised by Soviet Russia.

Proper diplomatic machinery existed for the settlement of any differences arising between them from time to time.

No Soviet Minorities

When the Leningrad wireless accused Finland of "intolerable anti-Russian terrorism," the complete reply was that nowhere in Finland did there exist any Russian minorities.

Finland was all one piece and one could no more speak of Russian minorities in Finland than one could of English minorities in France.

Concerning the demands in the extreme north, the Professor pointed out that this area was ceded to Finland by Russia in 1920.

It provided Finland with its only wholly ice-free port outside the Baltic and was an important factor in her food supply system should the Baltic be blockaded.

Cession of this area would also raise important international issues, as Norway and the Soviet would have a common frontier.

No Compromise Possible

Turning to the demands in the south, the Professor said these included a port in the Baltic which was not only an excellent harbour but the only Finnish port which seldom froze over.

No compromise on this point, therefore, was possible for Finland.

The Professor concluded by saying that the differences between Finland and Soviet Russia were none of Finland's seeking.

Finland was, and always had been prepared to be reasonable in the negotiations.

This Is How It Goes

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

LONDON, Nov. 13 (Reuter).—Moscow wireless accuses Finland of failing to inform the Soviet regarding the recent "dangerous" rise of the rivers in the frontier area which, it claims, the Finns are bound to do under an international treaty.

Recall Of Delegates

HELSINGFORS, Nov. 13 (Reuter).—After five blank days, the Finnish Government has considered it neces-

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AIR ACTIVITY INTENSIFIED: NAZI RAIDS REPELLED

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

LONDON, Nov. 13 (UP).—Fishermen off the Yorkshire coast reported that R.A.F. fighters attacked German bombers who were sighted over the North Sea this afternoon.

Anti-aircraft gun fire was heard.

East Coast Air Fight

LONDON, Nov. 13 (Reuter).—Three British fighters, patrolling above the clouds off the East Coast, sighted a German flying boat 2,000 feet below.

The enemy dived but the British leader swooped close behind and raked the enemy with bullets from a few yards range.

The German rear gunner replied without effect.

A piece of the enemy's wing fell off and he took cover in the clouds.

Shetland Isles Raid

LONDON, Nov. 13 (Reuter).—The Air Ministry announces that enemy aircraft made two attacks on the Shetland Islands to-day.

They were driven off by A.A. fire. Bombs were dropped but they did no damage.

Raiders Drop Many Bombs

It was later revealed that four German bombers took part and that after being driven off on one occasion by anti-aircraft fire, they swung back and attacked a second time.

Numerous bombs were dropped, but they most harmlessly fell into the sea.

Other bombs which fell on land made craters up to 16 feet deep and shattered windows and crofters of cottages in the vicinity.

No other damage of any importance was done.

Nazi Reconnaissances

PARIS, Nov. 13 (Reuter).—The French official wireless commentator said to-day that on Saturday there were a number of German reconnaissances east and west of the Saar.

The raiders came close to the French lines and some men were captured.

None of the operations, however, developed into attack.

By nightfall, quiet prevailed.

Front Line Activity

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

PARIS, Nov. 13 (UP).—More salvos were fired by anti-aircraft in the front lines between 4.35 and 4.50 p.m. to-day. No explanation has been given.

Planes Over Paris

PARIS, Nov. 13 (Reuter).—Aeroplanes of unknown nationality flew over Paris and district this afternoon.

They could not be distinguished owing to a thick fog.

No air-raid alarm was sounded.

Enemy Aircraft Visit France

PARIS, Nov. 13 (Reuter).—A communique issued to-day records

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"NEW DEAL" FOR CHINA

Generalissimo Lays Down Ten Points

CHUNGKING, Nov. 14 (Reuter).—The ten points to be followed by the Chinese nation were laid down by General Chiang Kai-shek when he addressed the weekly memorial meeting here yesterday.

The Generalissimo urged:

1.—Chinese ethics should be followed;
2.—Industries should be developed;
3.—Education should be promoted;
4.—Economy should be practised;
5.—A civil service system should be carried out;
6.—Dignity of the Law should be upheld;
7.—A supervisory system should be observed;
8.—Border affairs should be examined;
9.—Constitutional government should be established;
10.—Dr. Sun Yet-sun's teachings should be followed.

These represent the main points of the manifesto of the Fifth Kuomintang Congress.

Presidium Elected

CHUNGKING, Nov. 14 (Reuter).—The preparatory meeting of the Sixth Plenary Session of the Central Executive Committee of the Kuomintang was held yesterday.

Dr. H. H. Kung, Mr. Wang Fa-chin, Mr. Ting Wei-fang, Mr. Chu Cheng, Mr. Yu Yu-jen, General Feng Yu-hsiang, Mr. Tai Chi-tao, Dr. Chou Lu, Mr. Yeh Chu-tsang, Mr. Chen Ku-fu and Mr. Li Wen-fang were elected to the Presidium.

The Presidium will appoint a sub-committee for the examination of proposals submitted by delegates.

LATEST

Japanese Warplane Due In Hongkong

The "Telegraph" understands that a Japanese naval warplane, the first to visit the Colony, will land at Kai Tak airport this afternoon.

The two Imperial Airways pilots who have been held in Canton, and were released at 11.30 a.m. yesterday, will be passengers.

Through the courtesy of the Japanese naval authorities, the two pilots will be flown to Hongkong for the purpose of picking up a spare tyre——————— one of the tyres of the Dardanus was punctured by machine gun bullets when the plane was forced down last week—and will then be flown by Japanese plane back to Weichow Island.

The Imperial Airways pilots will then be permitted to fly the Dardanus back to Hongkong.

RATIONING AT HOME

Cards For Butter And Bacon

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

LONDON, Nov. 13 (Reuter).—When the rationing of butter and bacon begins, the Ministry of Food is absolutely confident of being able to fully honour the coupons.

The Government's spokesman, giving this assurance, mentioned that bacon supplies are arriving well.

Attention is paid to the increasing supplies from the Dominions and a contract is nearly completed for the purchase of practically the whole of the New Zealand exportable surplus.

In connection with edible fats, the Government before the war had made a big reserve of raw materials for margarine and since has made satisfactory contracts for further large supplies of the necessary oil seeds.

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Cricket Comments

(By "R. Abbit")

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played watchful cricket, while M.P. took the long handle.

IDEAL MIXTURE

IF you could melt down the two Madars in a bowl, mix completely and then pour out two batsmen, you would have an excellent product. M.P. takes a little more amount of risk than he should while A.H. takes the same amount less. However, that made an excellent stand, and after M.P. had put one up to mid-off M. el Arculli (21), rendered stalwart assistance.

A.H. was out for 38, but what might have been a dangerous situation was saved by A. H. Rumjahn (not out 11), and S. A. Ismail (not out 15), who played out time.

A Splendid Finish

I WAS VERY GLAD to see that Teddie Fincher has turned out again for the K.C.C., and his absence seems merely to have spurred him on, as he hit up an excellent 79 not out at the end, to bring Kowloon home just in time. T. A. Madar got going too, and his 41 materially assisted the Club

It is only fair, however, to the Army to say that Man, Weedon and Hatfield were away playing for their regiment against the Sappers. As a general rule we would expect to find them in the Army side. However, they did by no means badly.

Corporal Webb, promoted to the first eleven, got 21, while Driver Logan, who have been here some time, I think, ran up 39. Godby played a characteristically breezy innings. I hear he scored ten boundaries out of 56, and the Army declared at 170, for six.

The Kowloon bowling, in the absence of Robert Lee, was definitely weak, though it was very pleasing to find my old friend Frank Goodwin turning out again, and sending down 6 overs for 29 runs and one wicket. If only that leg injury of his will hold up there are years of cricket in him. Anderson, who is not doing so well this year, got 17 and took a couple of wickets, but he was very expensive.

Altogether it was a game from what I gather, that I should very much like to have seen. but one cannot be in more than one place, or possibly two, at once.

The Central British School

THE C.B.S. have got a very excellent team this year, and although they had Pryde and another regular member of the side away, they had much the better of the Civil Service second eleven, although the latter made a draw of it.

F. A. Weller batted uncommonly well for 41. He is, I am told their soundest bat. Odell did not come off this time, but he has had his share of runs before. Hurley (27) and J. W. Clague (not out 32), had a good stand and the innings total was 151. For the Civil Service, Lockhart was top scorer with a nice 21, and someone—I think it was Ebbage—but I cannot be sure as it was dark—laid about him stoutly at the end. Stumps were drawn with the score at 105 for 8.

Another School Side

IN VIEW of the amount of reliance we must place on our local cricketers for the next few seasons, I was delighted to discover that another school team has made its appearance—St. Joseph's College, who, I know, have played before, but do not, I think, have a very long or regular fixture list, but they firmly put it across the Recreio 2nd eleven, which is by no means a bad second Division side. The Recreio got 110, and then St. Joseph's cracked up 116 for 5 with Felix top scorer with 37 runs.

Middlesex Win

AT SOOKUNPOO, the Middlesex had a decisive victory over the Sappers, whom they put out for 77, of which Ratcliffe got 27 not out, Ship 24 and Extras 20, while the rest collected 8 runs! Hatfield did most of the damage, his figures reading 9/3/24/5. He also knocked up 30 not out, and with W. Weedon's 19 and Extras 27, the score reached 110 for 9.

Cards

I HAVE NOW received cards from the H.K.C.C., I.R.C. and the Recreio, and I should be very glad to get any others as soon as they are ready, as it is rather difficult arranging one's programme in advance if one doesn't quite know what is going to happen. I particularly want the K.C.C. card if I can get it, as I haven't yet managed to see them in action.

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Hongkong, 4th October, 1939.

U.S. COMMODITY PRICES

LATEST CABLED QUOTATIONS

New York, Nov. 13.

New York Cotton

	Opening	Closing
December	9.47/48	9.57/58
January	9.41/41	9.49N
March	9.30/29	9.38/38
May	9.13/13	9.20/20
July	8.86/87	8.90/90
July (New contract)	unquoted	9.10N
Spot	———	9.82N

New York Rubber

December	20.41b/45a	20.45 /45
March	18.65b/75a	18.78b/85a
May	unquoted	18.30 /30
July	17.83 /82	17.85b/87a
September	unquoted	unquoted

Total sales for the day.—730 tons.

Chicago Wheat

December	88 /88	87½/87⅝
May	86⅜/86¼	85⅞/86
July	84⅝/84⅜	84 /84¼

Friday's sales.—20,174,000 bushels.

Chicago Corn

December	50½/50½	50⅛/50⅛
May	52¾/52⅝	52⅜/52⅜
July	———	53¼b

Winnipeg Wheat

December	71¼/71⅛	70⅝/8b
May	———	75¾/75½
July	———	77b

Underwriters Confident

New War-Risk Rate For Shanghai

LONDON, Nov. 13 (Reuter).—The greater assurance now felt in the development of Anglo-Japanese relations is reflected in the decision of the Rating Committee of Underwriters to extend to Shanghai a war-risk premium of 60 shillings per cent., hitherto applied from the United Kingdom to Singapore.

This adds over 3,000 miles of the South China Sea to an insured voyage at the same rate.

Similarly 80 shillings per cent. premium (60 shillings per cent. for neutral ships) now covers trading north of Shanghai instead of east of Singapore.

NAZI LABOUR PROBLEM

Where Britain Has Big Advantage

LONDON, Nov. 13 (Reuter).—The "Economist" produces figures showing that whereas Germany requires the labour of 140 men to produce food for every 1,000 men, Britain requires only 66.

This is due to the fact that a greater part of German food is home grown and to the poor organisation of German agriculture.

Britain is obtaining a great part of food by exchange of industrial products, and reaps the benefit of a division of labour on an international scale.

It follows that Britain has a proportionately larger quantity of labour available to devote to war purposes.

AIR ACTIVITY INTENSIFIED: NAZI RAIDS REPELLED

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the usual patrol activity, especially east of the Sarr.

A number of enemy aircraft flew over North-eastern France on Sunday night.

Neutrality Violated

BRUSSELS, Nov. 13 (Reuter).—German planes have again violated Belgium's neutrality.

Planes returning from a flight over France caused an air-raid alarm to be sounded in Paris, but were driven off by gun-fire.

They took a short cut across Belgium.

Admitted Nazi Losses

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

BERLIN, Nov. 13 (UP).—It is officially claimed that the Germans have lost 17 aeroplanes on the Western Front between the inception of the war and November 10.

The British, the Nazi communique claims, have lost 16 planes and the French 61. The Germans have destroyed three balloons.

Mr. Eden With R.A.F.

LONDON, Nov. 13 (Reuter).—Mr. Anthony Eden, Secretary for the Dominions, and representatives of the Dominions and India visited the Royal Air Force in France and inspected the key room of Headquarters where details of R.A.F. operations are planned.

They later saw a British fighter squadron behind the lines.

Three Parisiens Wounded

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

PARIS, Nov. 13 (Reuter).—Three persons were wounded by anti-aircraft shell splinters when German planes were sighted near Paris this afternoon.

EIRE AND TRADE WITH U.S.

DUBLIN, Nov. 13 (Reuter).—Eire has made representations to the United States in connection with the decision to close Eire ports to United States ships.

It is declared here that United States ships can safely trade in Eire.

CITY OF FLINT TO GO FREE

WASHINGTON, Nov. 13 (Reuter).—The German Government has notified the United States that German warships are ordered not to interfere with the City of Flint on her way back to the United States.

THE KING HAS A 16-HOUR DAY

THE KING is so busy dealing with war-time documents and State papers that he and the Queen meet only once a day—at breakfast.

Very occasionally they are able to have dinner together.

All the meals are as simple as possible, for the household has already been placed on a war-time basis of thrift and economy.

To save the King's time a new room has been arranged adjoining his study.

He receives his numerous callers there and is still within reach of the three private telephones on his study desk.

He has increased his "office" hours from 10 to 16 hours a day.

TEA SERVED ON DESK

His cherished "family hour" at tea with the Queen has had to be cancelled. Now a tea tray is brought to the King's desk and one of his secretaries pours it out as they continue working.

Besides attending to State and official correspondence, which has more than doubled in quantity, the King has to sign batches of officers' commissions and similar service documents.

Three times a day come detailed reports from the War Office, the Admiralty, and the Air Ministry, and at least six deliveries of Government papers arrive daily.

At noon comes a special case which the King unlocks himself, for he possesses the only key.

The Queen spends long hours in her own little study, following the progress of women's work.

EX-KAISER'S SON QUITS

GENEVA.

PRINCE Eitel Frederick, second son of the ex-Kaiser, has shown what he thinks of Nazi Germany's chance of winning the war by quitting the country.

With his wife and daughter, he is now occupying modest apartments in a hotel at a well-known resort on Lake Geneva.

Having been obliged to forgo such necessities as butter in Germany to help provide Marshal Goering with cannons, Prince Eitel does not feel the loss of his luxurious Rolls-Royce, in which he used to travel through Europe.

To-day I saw him with his smartly dressed family in a local tramcar. They were paying a visit to some old English friends, of whom they still have many in Switzerland.

On these visits the Prince never refers to the Nazi regime, because Gestapo spies are everywhere, but those who know him say he is profoundly depressed at the prospect of the disaster towards which he believes the Fatherland to be heading for the second time in his lifetime. Prince Eitel is 56.

FINLAND'S POSITION EXPLAINED

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sary to re-establish direct contact with its delegates. Hence their recall, said M. Erkko, the Foreign Minister, in an interview to-day.

The Finnish attitude concerning the Moscow talks was a positive one, M. Erkko said.

Finland did not intend to suspend negotiations indefinitely but would continue trying to obtain a definite and satisfactory result by a display of goodwill and understanding.

M. Erkko added that until the delegates had made a personal report, it was impossible to say whether they would return to Moscow.

The Russian proposals and the Finnish counter-proposals would be laid before the various Parliamentary groups, but would not yet be made public.

Now Press Attacks

MOSCOW, Nov. 13 (Reuter).—The Soviet Press has taken up a new line in the attack on Finland.

It points out the high cost of Finland's mobilisation and claims that Finland is on the brink of ruin, and that it cannot stand the financial strain for many more months.

The Soviet Press also accuses the Finnish Government of not informing the Finnish Parliament of the true nature of the Soviet demands.

This is refuted by many official statements which have been released, such as M. Erkko's observation that the Soviet demand for a Finnish island was like demanding Sandy Hook from the United States or the Isle of Wight from England.

Frontier Commission To Be Named

BERLIN, Nov. 13 (Reuter).—The names of Japanese and Manchukuo representatives for the Mixed Frontier Commission are to be submitted to M. Molotoff by Mr Togo, the Japanese Ambassador.

According to a Moscow message to the German news agency, the Commission will meet at Chita and will later transfer to Harbin.

Japan Gets Domestic Courts

OSAKA,—For the equivalent of 14 American cents a married couple in Japan can have a government judge arbitrate a domestic dispute. The domestic disputes arbitration section of the Osaka district court has been organised in compliance with a law passed at the recent Diet session. Similar courts are being established throughout Japan.

Zeppelin Twins Married

Twin girls, born during a Zeppelin raid on London in the Great War, were brides in a double wedding ceremony at St. Barnabas Church, Clapham, S.W., on their 24th birthday.

They were Myrtle and Iris Farrall, daughters of Mr. and Mrs. G. Farrall, of Sabine Road, Battersea, the respective bridegrooms being Mr. Edward Stock (21), a clerk, of Robertson Street, Clapham, and Mr. Frederick Bridger (21), a chef, of Oakhill Road, Putney, S.W.

Myrtle was married first, as being the elder by three-quarters-of-an-hour.

After the ceremony both brides changed their wedding gowns for uniforms of the Women's Auxiliary Fire Service.

London Has Used Up 12,000 Gallons of Paint

HOW many thousands of gallons of white paint have been used on the roads and kerbs of England in preparation for emergency black-outs?

A reporter set out to discover the approximate amount, and here in black and white are the statistics.

Tackling London's Metropolitan Boroughs first, these facts were forthcoming:

Wandsworth, largest of the 28 boroughs, with population of 343,000 and 238 miles of streets, will have used 550 gallons on kerbs, trees, and in the roads to guide motorists and pedestrians.

Islington, with 301,000 people, 122 miles of streets, has used 500 gallons, is ordering more.

Taking 400 gallons per borough as the average amount of paint used, and including the City of London itself, nearly 12,000 gallons of white paint have been used in London.

Not Uniform

The question of the amount of paint used throughout the country presented more difficulty. In the first place, not all areas have painted their kerbs and road centres.

This step has been taken mostly in the more populous districts. Working on a population basis, these facts emerge:

Birmingham, with a population of more than a million, must have used about 3,000 gallons; Bristol, about 1,200 gallons; Bradford, about 500 or 600 gallons.

Taking the population of countries as a guide, Middlesex (1,038,000) will have used 4,500 gallons; Essex (1,200,000), 4,000 gallons, and Surrey (950,000), 2,500 gallons.

ZBW ALL-IN BEE

Medicine staged a furious second half rally to beat Law by one point in an "All-in" Bee held in the studio of ZBW last night.

The programme was divided into general questions, spelling and tunes to be guessed.

Medicine had an easy victory over Law in the spelling contest.

The final score was Medicine 7, Law 6.

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INWARD MAILS

Air Mail by "Pan American Airways Direct Service"—San Francisco date, 7th November. ......Nov. 14.
Amoy ......Nov. 14.
Halphong, Pakhoi, Hoihow and Fort Bayard ......Nov. 14.
Straits ......Nov. 14.
Shanghai ......Nov. 14.
Calcutta and Straits ......Nov. 14.
Air Mail by "Air France Direct Service"—Paris date, 8th November. Nov. 15.
Japan and Shanghai ......Nov. 15.
Manila ......Nov. 15.
Sandakan ......Nov. 15.
Shanghai and Amoy ......Nov. 15.
Air Mail by "Imperial Airways Direct Service"—London date, 8th November ......Nov. 16.
Japan and Shanghai ......Nov. 16.
Halphong, Hoihow and Fort Bayard ......Nov. 16.
Japan ......Nov. 16.
Australia and Manila ......Nov. 17.
Canton ......Nov. 17.
Halphong ......Nov. 17.
Manila ......Nov. 17.
Sandakan ......Nov. 17.
Shanghai ......Nov. 17.
Bangkok, Saigon and Tourane Nov. 18.
Japan and Shanghai ......Nov. 18.
Air Mail by "Imperial Airways Direct Service"—London date 11th Nov. Nov. 19.
Shanghai ......Nov. 19.
Halphong, Hoihow and Fort Bayard ......Nov. 19.
Straits ......Nov. 20.
Calcutta and Straits ......Nov. 21.
Japan ......Nov. 21.
Shanghai ......Nov. 21.
Japan ......Nov. 21.
Java and Manila ......Nov. 21.
U.S.A., Honolulu, and Japan (San-Francisco date, 28th October Nov. 23.
Canada, U.S.A., Honolulu, Japan and Shanghai (Vancouver B.C. date, 4th November) ......Nov. 24.
Japan ......Nov. 24.
Japan and Shanghai ......Nov. 24.

OUTWARD MAILS

Tuesday, Nov. 14

Halphong ......1 p.m.
Fort Bayard ......1.30 p.m.
Air Mail for "Imperial Airways Direct Service"—due London, 22nd November.
K.P.O.
Reg. ......Nov. 14, 5 p.m.
Ord. ......Nov. 14, 5.30 p.m.
G.P.O.
Reg. ......Nov. 14, 5 p.m.
Ord. ......Nov. 14, 7 p.m.
Air Mail for Malaya, Java and Australia by "Imperial Airways Direct Service"—due Sydney, 20th November.
K.P.O.
Reg. ......Nov. 14, 5 p.m.
Ord. ......Nov. 14, 5.30 p.m.
G.P.O.
Reg. ......Nov. 14, 5 p.m.
Ord. ......Nov. 14, 7 p.m.
Air Mail for Manila, Guam, Honolulu and U.S.A., by the "Pan American Airways Direct Service"—due San Francisco, 21st November.
K.P.O.
Reg. ......Nov. 14, 5 p.m.
Ord. ......Nov. 14, 5.30 p.m.
G.P.O.
Reg. ......Nov. 14, 5 p.m.
Ord. ......Nov. 15, 7.30 a.m.

Wednesday, Nov. 15

Canton ......7.15 a.m.
Saigon ......9.30 a.m.
Shanghai ......10.30 a.m.
Halphong ......2 p.m.
Air Mail for Indo-China, Iran, and France (Paris and Northern Provinces only) by the "Air France Airways Direct Service"—due Paris, 23rd November.
K. P. O.
Reg., ...Nov. 15, 5.00 p.m.
Ord., ...Nov. 15, 5.30 p.m.
G. P. O.
Reg., ...Nov. 15, 5.00 p.m.
Ord., ...Nov. 15, 7.00 p.m.

Thursday, Nov. 16

Straits, Ceylon, India, East and South Africa, Aden, Egypt and Europe via Marseilles—due Marseilles, 14th December.
G.P.O. & K.P.O.
Reg., ...9.45 a.m.
Ord., ...10.30 a.m.
Parcels ......11.00 a.m.
Amoy ......2.30 p.m.
Straits and Calcutta
Ord. ......Noon.

Friday, Nov. 17

Halphong ......1 p.m.
Shanghai ......2.30 p.m.
K.P.O.
Straits, Ceylon, India, East and South Africa, Aden, Egypt, Malta and Europe via Suez and London Parcels—due London, 28th Dec.
Parcels ......3 p.m.
Reg. ......5 p.m.
Ord. ......5.30 p.m.
G.P.O.
Parcels ......3 p.m.
Reg. ......5 p.m.
Ord. ......7 p.m.

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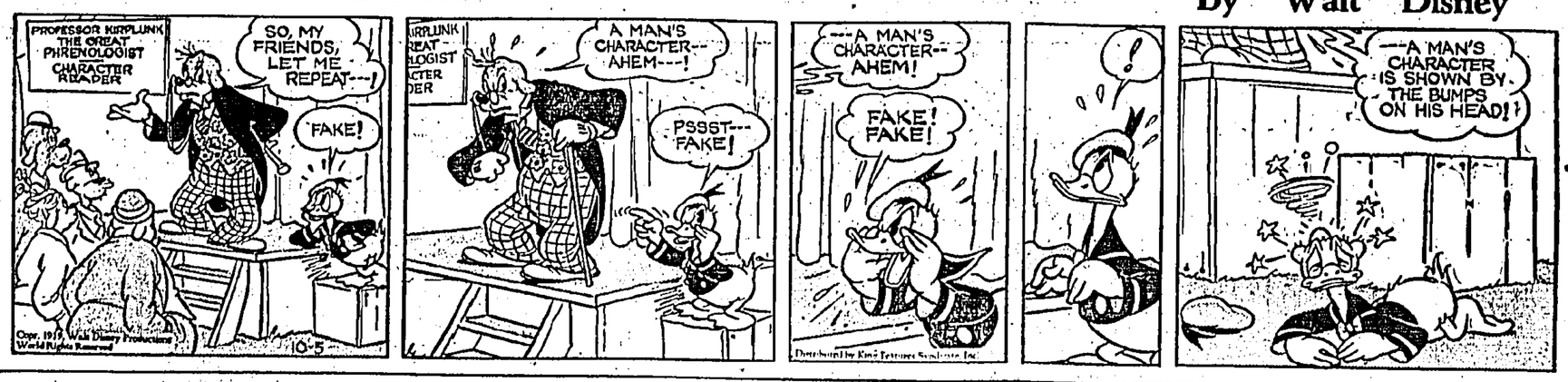

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BY the gallantry of four members of his crew, Captain H. S. Hewson, of the Sunderland steamer Goodwood, was rescued as he lay trapped under wreckage, with both legs broken, after his ship had been holed by a U-boat in the North Sea.

As the Goodwood was sinking Captain Hewson said to his men: "Look after yourselves, don't bother about me."

The bo'sun, Thomas Roderick, of Sunderland, said to a reporter: "While in the lifeboat I realised that the captain must still be in the sinking ship.

"My brother William, of South Shields, and William Gill, of Whitburn, went overboard with me, and we swam back to the Goodwood.

"We found that Robert Percival, of North Shields, had stayed with the skipper on the bridge. He was trying to get him clear of the wreckage.

Dropped Him Over

"We pulled the wreckage away, put a life-jacket on the captain, and dropped him over the side. Then we went overboard ourselves and managed to hold him up until the lifeboat picked us up.

"Ten minutes later we were taken aboard a drifter."

Mr. William Wilson, chief officer of the British steamer Olive Grove, told a *News Chronical* reporter at his home in Hector Road, Shawlands, Glasgow, recently of the courtesy shown by the commander of the U-boat which sank his ship.

Mr. Wilson arrived home on his fifty-sixth birthday and he and his wife celebrated not only his birthday but his safe return. He said:

'We sighted the submarine about 1 p.m. on a Thursday and Captain Barlston immediately ordered the ship to take a zig-zig course.

"We managed to dodge for a time, but at last the submarine fired across our bows and we stopped.

Beckoned Alongside

"We were given about 20 minutes to leave.

"There were two boats, one commanded by the captain and the other by myself. When we pulled away, the submarine sank the Olive Grove.

"As she was sinking, the submarine commander beckoned Captain Barlston alongside and I saw what appeared to be the ship's papers being examined.

"I was next called alongside and I saw the commander at close quarters. He was young, though he had a growing beard.

"He spoke almost perfect English. He said he would see us to safety.

"Ship Is Coming"

"He followed our boats and early in the evening pulled up on us and said: 'A ship is coming now and will be able to assist you.'

"I thanked him and the submarine submerged and disappeared."

Mr. Wilson said: "I could distinctly see 'grass' (marine growth) on the submarine's hull, an indication that she must have been at sea for three or four weeks."

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No Names: No Firing Squad

America's National Broadcasting Company, writes the Radio Correspondent, announce that, in view of the threat of imprisonment and the death penalty for those in Germany who listen to foreign stations and pass on information, they have decided to discontinue the practice of answering letters over the air.

National Broadcasting Company broadcasts from the short-wave stations WNBI, WRCA and WPIT have been directionally beamed to Germany, and have brought forth a greater volume of correspondence from German listeners than from listeners in any other country.

The "Mail Bag" feature, in which listeners' letters were read out and replied to at the microphone, was tremendously popular.

What U.S.A. Is Thinking To-day

NEW YORK.—THIS is what America thinks to-day.

"I should like to see an international group meeting continuously to plan for future peace."—**Mrs. Roosevelt**, wife of the President.

"Anglo-French plans call for a new kind of war, conflict without assault, war without glory, battles of attrition directed to Hitler's weakest spot—his breadbasket. It will require no more fighting than necessary, but it may take a long time."—**Paul Mallon**, columnist.

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"Americans are in danger of developing the attitude of the Pharisee and thanking God we are not as other nations at war."—**Rev. E. Everett Wagner**, pastor of the Union Methodist Church, New York, in a sermon.

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"To furnish all the material, equipment and supplies which Great Britain and France require of us now without delay may obviate the necessity of spilling our own blood in the defence of our democratic form of Government."—**Edwin Trent**, in a letter to the "New York Times."

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"Teachers as human beings will have emotional and intellectual favourites in war, but they must be on guard not to encourage hatred or unreasoning passion in children."—**James Marshall**, president of the New York Board of Education, in a statement to teachers.

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"If war comes near us there will be few in business who will not move forward to enlist with Government for complete co-operation."—**General Hugh Johnson**, Columnist.

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"Let us avoid, and counsel all citizens to avoid, any thought, act or deed which might threaten or disturb the peace of Americans."—**Stephen F. Chadwick**, National Commander, American Legion.

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"The United States must be prepared to fight and also assist, if necessary, the Allies in Europe. If Hitler wins, the United States will find him in Bermuda and Stalin in Canada."—**George Harvey**, Borough President of Queens, New York, in a speech.

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"We do not know what is happening because military staffs nowadays conceal anything that give a single item of information to the enemy that he cannot learn in battle. We shall not get the news we want."—**John B. Kennedy.**

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"I believe the Russian policy is to keep out of the war at almost any price. If Germany cannot get away with a quick war, Warsaw may be the scene of one of the world's most decisive battles."—**Quincey Howe.**

Long Lost Watch Plowed Up

MILTON.—John Hume lost his watch one day while plowing a field on his farm. That, however, was 23 years ago and since then Hume had sold the farm. James, his son, is working for the present owner and while plowing the same field turned up his father's timepiece.

"I Destroyed Terrifying Weapon" Says Inventor

DEATH RAY KILLED AT FOUR-MILE RANGE

CLEVELAND, Ohio, Nov. 13 (UP).—Death "rays" may strike down millions of human beings if the European war continues, Dr. Antonio Longoria, wealthy Cleveland scientist and inventor, declared in an interview here.

Scientists generally are sceptical of so-called death-rays, which have long been a popular subject for imaginative speculation. But Dr. Longoria said he perfected an apparatus in 1933 which killed pigeons on the wing at four miles.

Later, he said, he destroyed the machine because of its inherent danger.

"It's quite possible that someone may stumble across the particular electric wave I used," said Dr. Longoria, who in 1936 sold a welding process described as "impossible" by others, for a reputed $6,000,000. "I found it accidentally myself and I certainly am not proud of that discovery.

X-Ray Frequency

"The machine killed small animals and it could kill human beings just as easily. The 'ray' lies in one of the unexplored frequency bands in the vicinity of the X-ray. It kills painlessly, without burning, by changing the blood to a useless substance—as light changes silver salts in photography.

"But I don't like to talk about it, because it could wreck civilization. I'll have nothing to do with it. My hands will be clean."

Dr. Longoria first demonstrated his ray while working in California on a coloured motion picture process—which subsequently he sold to the industry. He said he took his apparatus to the top of a building there and demonstrated to a group of selected scientists that it could kill rabbits even when the animals were in a thick-walled aluminium case.

Marked Pigeons

Later, after he had returned to Cleveland, Dr. Longoria took a group of fellow-inventors to the top of his apartment-laboratory.

Giving them all field glasses, the little doctor released several marked pigeons and directed the inventors to watch them. He then prepared to give what he said would be his last demonstration of his fatal rays.

"I waited until the pigeons were out of sight of the unaided eye," the Spanish scientist said.

"Then I directed my apparatus toward the birds and caught one in the cross-hairs of the telescope which was aligned with the ray.

"It plummeted to the ground—killed instantly. I killed the other birds the same way, and when the experiment was over took my apparatus apart.

"I could assemble such a machine again, but I never shall. I have no drawings—the plans are in my head alone."

Inventions Brought Wealth

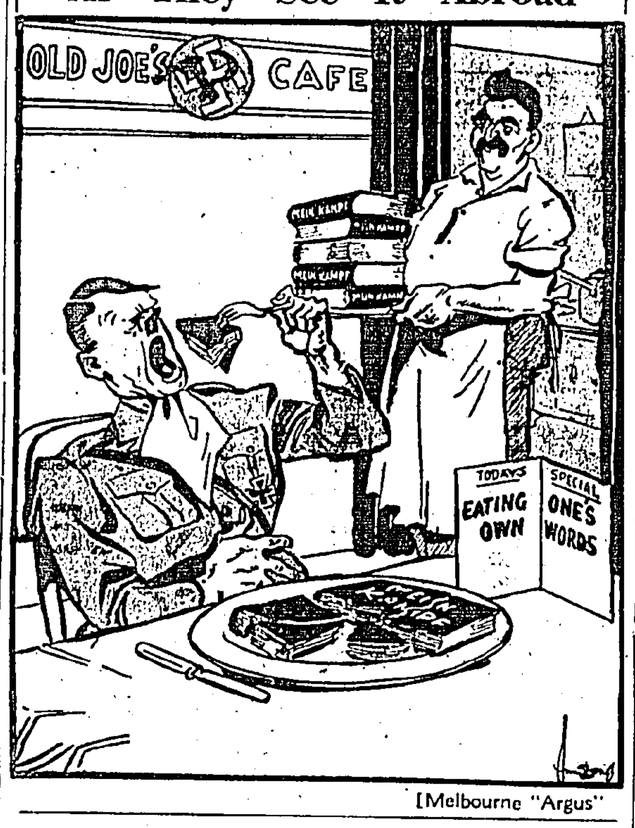
Dr. Longoria's earlier work included the development of telephone circuits making possible by measured frequencies 27 different conversations simultaneously over one pair of wires, and a process by which water may be purified electrically.

"My inventions have brought me wealth," he said. "I am interested now only in doing something to help civilization—which seems to be going backward instead of ahead. My welding ray now is an established success, and my medical work shows great progress.

"Never again will I assemble a deathray—for anyone."

In his laboratory—a vast, converted brick residence atop a cliff overlooking Lake Erie, the 50-year-old scientist works with five assistants on an electrical treatment for cancer. He is a doctor of medicine and holds two other degrees. He said other physicians have not accepted his theory of cancer treatment.

As They See It Abroad



[Melbourne "Argus"

Afghan Move by Soviet Minimised by Britain

LONDON.—Whitehall authorities are undisturbed by reports of Russian troops moving toward Afghanistan.

It is true that a Russian threat to advance through Afghanistan upon India was, for a generation preceding the World War, a continual bogey to successive British Administrations in India. Indeed Whitehall's case for making India pay for maintaining as it has done a powerful army was long based almost entirely upon that possibility.

A Russian force actually reached Afghanistan in 1875. Prime Minister Gladstone prepared for war and finally the King of Denmark was called in to arbitrate the dispute.

Berlin's anti-British propaganda has seized upon this situation and much money and enterprise have been expended in Kabul where German air communications, business houses, and so-called educational institutions have been developed upon a scale quite disproportionate to the economic needs of Afghanistan. This country, although as large as France, possesses only 11,000,000 inhabitants who are mostly peasants with a characteristic Central Asian outlook.

Afghans Firm On Freedom

The Soviets of late years have been less active in Afghanistan than the Germans, but if there should now be active Russo-German co-operation against Britain then the way has been prepared for use of Russian pressure in that region.

It is regarded here as significant, however, that although in the past British relations with both Russia and Afghanistan have often been strained, nevertheless this threat has never yet become more than suppositional. In the first place the Afghans themselves are a brave and warlike people intensely determined not to submit to foreign invasion. Their young King Zahir Shah, advised as he has been by his uncles who are brothers of the late Ameer Nadir Shah, has in the six years he has been upon the Kabul throne shown himself a strong and prudent ruler. He has been determined to uphold the integrity of his country in close accord with the British whose own position behind the incredibly difficult mountain barrier separating India from Afghanistan has been made almost impregnable with permanent fortifications.

Region Of Frequent Forays

It is true that this mountain barrier is itself inhabited by independent tribesmen able to muster in all about a quarter of a million Moslem riflemen whose periodical forays into the settled districts of India on the one side of them and Afghanistan on the other have long immobilized considerable forces—Afghan as well as British—to keep them in order.

But this, while it has meant considerable burdens upon Indian and Afghan taxpayers, has been more a nuisance than a danger, since these tribesmen, difficult as they may be to control within their own borders, have been quite unqualified to face even small police forces once they enter more settled regions. It always has been possible in the past therefore to barricade them for a time if troops garrisoning their borders have had to be withdrawn for duty elsewhere.

Counteracting Propaganda

The stirring up of discontent in India by enemy propaganda among the masses is a more serious danger to British interest in the Orient. Delhi authorities often have been criticised for the inadequacy of their counter-measures in this connection.

To this, however, they recently have been waking up. Their "criminal intelligence" staff however is large and competent.

In the World War this organisation under the late Sir Charles Cleveland proved able from the very start of hostilities to put its hands upon the prime movers in such discontent. The chief measures taken were to intern large numbers of suspects and when this had been done the situation was easily kept in hand for the duration of the war.

Afghanistan is slowly emerging from oriental medievalism, and some interesting progress is being made there in building roads, setting up factories, and also in starting a twice-weekly airplane service between it and Germany. But the whole thing is on a very small scale so far. Most of it is the work of Germans of whom there are about 125 in Afghanistan, also of Russians, of whom there may be a dozen, and of a few Japanese and half-a-dozen Britishers.

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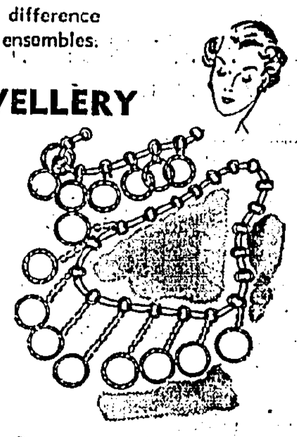

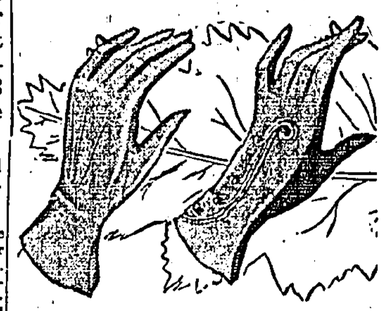

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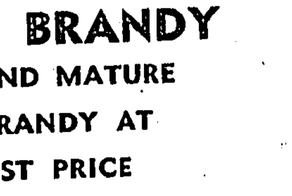

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Behind Hate's Mists

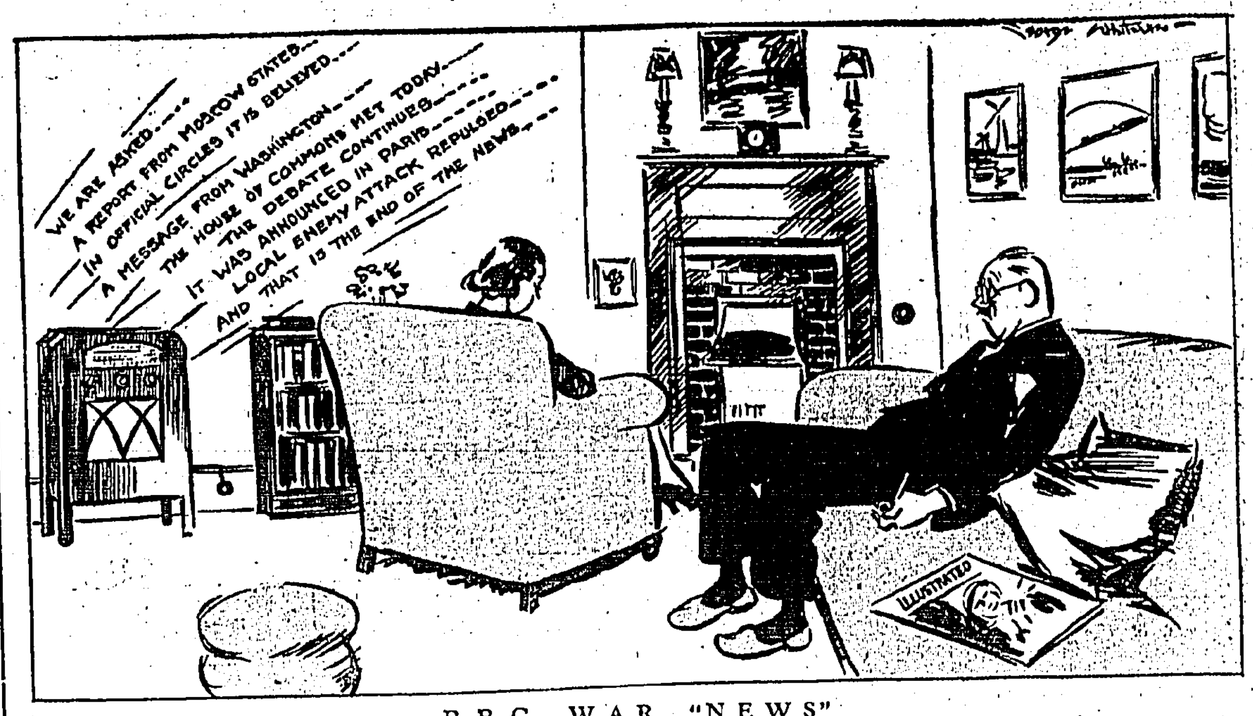
It is pleasant to learn that relatively few schools have dropped the study of German. Unreasoned and wholesale condemnation of all things "German" occurred in many parts of the world during the World War. After 1918 when travellers again began to visit Germany, they were surprised to find the Germans, as a whole, to be an enlightened, peace-loving, and lovable people.

The world should make positive distinctions between the rich German contributions to the world's treasuries of music, painting, and poetry, of scholarship, natural sciences, and inventions, and the political devices of Hitlerism.

We may easily discover whether our thought has been left sufficiently unguarded to become mesmerised by hateful concepts. A single illustration suffices. Are we looking upon "Munich" as a symbol of betrayal or do we see through the mist that has risen round this name since peace promises were made there?

If the latter, we continue to envisage one of the most beautiful and inspiring cities in the world. We continue to apprehend the ancient Bavarian capital, with its atmosphere of culture, friendliness, and enduring beauty, where Mozart first produced his "Don Giovanni" in the quaint little opera house of the Residenz, and where the Englischen Garten is a vast area of loveliness.

What's in a name? A great deal of evil at times may appear to be. But this aggressive suggestion is never defeated by permitting it to impinge upon our thinking. We may hold strong opinions on the political concepts suggested by Munich or by present expressions of Hitlerism, without letting them spoil for us the beauty and good which familiarity with things German may have provided.—*Christian Science Monitor.*



B. B. C. WAR "NEWS"

An American journalist says . . .

Too much fuss and nonsense!

The writer of this article is a leading member of the London staff of a famous U.S. newspaper.

"HITLER'S war" has entered its second month. From the point of view of the United States it has been Hitler's war, not only because the American people believe Hitler started it, but because from the point of view of the American Press Hitler has "stolen the front page."

He has done that partly because the war in the East has been the big news in the first month, also because the United States correspondents—and at the outbreak London was full of them—have not been able to do what their colleagues in Germany have done.

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That is to say, while American correspondents have been in the front lines in Poland and watched the war themselves American correspondents in London have not been able to send eye-witness accounts of the British effort "of their own knowledge."

The Ministry of Information has two functions. The first is to supply official news; the second is to see that no information of aid to the enemy is spread.

As far as American correspondents are concerned, its work during the first month of the war in both these fields has been unsatisfactory. There are exceptions and notable ones and there are definite signs of improvement, but on the whole the United States Press corps in London has had nothing but headaches from this huge organisation.

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In the first field of action the Ministry immediately clamped down on the possibility of American correspondents getting the news as they like to get it—at first hand.

It has always been difficult for American newspapermen in London to go, as they are accustomed to go at home, straight to the source. The Ministry came along and passed a departmental order barring newspapermen from every Government building except its own, and barring conversation with every Government official except under the Ministry's ægis.

At the beginning the Ministry took to passing out information itself. Take the case of the British raid on the Kiel Canal. It was one of the best stories of the war. But it was put out nine days late and then put out in the form of a tinned interview, obtained by the Ministry, mimeographed and distributed by the Ministry. Instead of acting as a channel between the Press and the proper Government Department—in this case the R.A.F.—the Ministry acted as an instrumentality itself.

The story was ignored in New York.

True, there are signs that the Ministry is reversing this procedure. It is becoming under Lord Macmillan more of a post office and less of a department in itself. But it will require long and careful work before the reform is fully complete.

American and English correspondents are still, after being told that their preparations were urgent, waiting to go to the front, waiting to see the British effort in the war at first hand.

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In many cases, of course, notably that of the Foreign Office, the Ministry has functioned splendidly. But it has done so only because the experienced Foreign Office Press officers have moved there and they work as they always did with the affection and confidence of most of the American Press.

On the censorship side, the picture is even worse.

One day last week the Ministry, in pursuit of its new policy of trying to let correspondents see for themselves, took a group on a tour of an R.A.F. station.

One American correspondent wrote a careful story based on information given him by R.A.F. officers during the tour.

Early in the morning the censor rang up to say that great chunks of it must come out. It was pointed out that all the information had been gathered under the Ministry's supervision, but the censor was adamant.

At six o'clock the following afternoon the Chief Censor's office called up and said that they had reconsidered and the deleted paragraphs could now be sent. They were told somewhat heatedly that the correspondent in question was working for a daily, not a weekly paper.

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This is typical of the manner in which the subordinate censors continually cut or delay stories to the despair of the correspondent. He takes the case to the top, to find, as he suspected, that he was right and the censor was wrong. But it is usually too late.

All the careful writing and pruning so as not to give away secrets is useless. And there is no redress. The correspondent cannot see the censor face to face. He must remain a voice on the telephone.

The American correspondents do not want to violate military rules or give away secrets. They want no lives on their consciences. Their plea is in reality a simple one. Subject to overriding considerations of human safety, let them do the job for which they are hired and trained. Let them cover one of the greatest stories of modern times—Britain at war.

They do not want to take sides. Britain is leaving her cause to the judgment of the world. But she is needlessly hindering the distribution of the facts on which the world must base its judgment.

King's Christmas Day Message To Empire

London.

THE KING will broadcast to his people on Christmas Day at the conclusion of a round-the-Empire programme.

It is hoped that, despite the difficulties of radio communication in wartime, it will be possible to take all the Dominion and colonial contributions to the programme direct, without using recordings.

On this special occasion a message from our ally, France, may be included.

GRIN AND BEAR IT By Lichty

"Remind me when it's 4.30—I promised to meet the wife at 2 and she'll be sore if I'm not there when she arrives!"

THREE GERMANS

THE three Germans I am thinking of all lived in South America, but they were all true Germans. And I think that on a small scale they represent the Germany of to-day.

The first I met when I was taken seriously ill in the interior of Brazil. The first house I reached was the home of the Simple German. Hans, he was called, took me in and gave me the only decent bed in the log and mud cabin. He gave me some strong spirits to drink, and then set off, on foot, to get the doctor from the nearest village. The village was twenty miles distant.

When the doctor came and suggested that I might have to stay in bed for some time Hans showed nothing but goodwill. He and his wife gave me every possible attention—and any attention at all was not so easy in that primitive home in the backwoods. When water was required he had to carry it half a mile. He had to get his supplies from the village twenty miles away, and usually there was no means of transport. But he supplied me with all reasonable needs, and soon I was eating Sauerkraut and drinking beer from an old-fashioned beer mug.

When I was better he refused all payment, and said he had done nothing. He was a great big, red-faced, boisterously cheerful Simple German. And as good a man as any.

The Mystic

The second was an artist. He had a studio in Buenos Aires, and painted commercial posters for a living. But the pictures he painted in his spare time were a bit incomprehensible to me. For he was the Mystic German.

He painted great canvases of most fantastic designs. The colours were beautiful, but usually I could make nothing of the pattern. I remember one however, which he called "Metropolis," and I saw something in that. There was a suggestion of the noise and bustle and ruthlessness and wealth and poverty which somehow or other meant something to me. No doubt his other pictures, too, meant something.

But the Mystic German is hard to understand. He had a kind heart, and in his more human moments had a quaint sense of humour. He drew the first caricature of Hitler I ever saw and the main feature was a whitewash brush. The Mystic German at that time did not approve of the Austrian "Dummkopf."

The Great German

I met the third German many times. He visited a house where I also called often. He was the Great German, and was forever boasting of the German superiority. I remember one day a number of us were having lunch together, and some of the party were eating frogs. I inquired, in all innocence, if frogs were eaten in Germany. To my amazement the Great German turned on me in a fury.

"I have you understand," he shouted, "that Germany is a great country, respected by all. Of course we eat frogs!"

I did manage to say that I hardly saw the connection between frog-eating and greatness, but the man's tremendous aggressiveness and his complete lack of humour staggered me.

I have another memory of the Great German. He owned a shop in Brazil, and his stock in trade was firearms. He took a great pride in his beautiful array of rifles, revolvers, pistols, and whatnot. Then one day there was a riot in the town, and the mob broke into his shop and took what they needed to defend them-

PLEASE Turn To Page 5.

Contraband Control Improvement

Delay To Ships Is Decreasing

LONDON, Nov. 13 (British Wireless).—It was stated in London today that delay to ships at British Contraband Control bases is steadily decreasing.

Naturally there are now fewer ships carrying cargoes loaded before the war, and shipping of all kinds is responding to advice to send advance manifests to the Ministry of Economic Warfare.

Where this procedure is followed it is only necessary to check the cargo against the manifest, and often the delay is no longer than one day.

Little Foodstuff Seized

The difference between absolute and conditional contraband has almost disappeared because a great many materials can be used either for military or civil purposes at option. For instance, during the last war when milk was scarcely interfered with, German children were deprived of milk in order to provide the German army with nitroglycerine.

In fact, up to the end of October, only 16.8 per cent. of seized cargoes were foodstuffs, and these consisted mainly of fats and other edibles easily convertible into specifically military materials.

Neutrals Suffer

Ultimate decision whether cargo is contraband rests with the Prize Court which is not subject to executive control, but administers the well-known rules of International Law.

Holland and Belgium suffered acutely from the shipping delay in the early days of the war because their seaports were natural gateways to Germany. But delays are now very considerably less.

River Tragedy

Over 50 Drowned In Shanghai Accident

SHANGHAI, Nov. 14 (Reuter).—Between 50 and 60 are reported to have been drowned in the Whangpoo yesterday as the result of a collision between a speeding Japanese military launch and a Chinese ferry-boat which was carrying about 100 women workers from Pootung to Shanghai.

The impact threw many of the ferry-boat's passengers into the water where they perished despite desperate rescue efforts.

NEW JOB FOR SIR ARTHUR SALTER

LONDON, Nov. 13 (British Wireless).—Sir Arthur Salter has been appointed Parliamenary Secretary to the Ministry of Shipping.

Sir Arthur, who is Independent Member of Parliament for Oxford University, was Chairman of the Allied Maritime Transport Executive in the last war. He was for nine years Director of the Economise and Finance section of the League of Nations, and is well-known for his works on International economic.

The Minister of Shipping is Sir John Gilmour.

London Markets Cheerful

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

LONDON, Nov. 13 (Reuter).—Markets opened cheerful owing to the week-end quietness in the international field.

Gilt-edged securities occasionally strengthened.

From November 14 the retail price of motor-fuel in the United Kingdom will be raised by three and a half pence to 21½d per gallon.

Wall Street was irregular.

Fishing Industry Re-Organisation

LONDON, Nov. 13 (British Wireless).—Standing committee, containing representatives of boat owners, employees and Government departments, has been set up to advise the Minister of Fisheries and he Scottish Secretary on matters relating to the production side of the fishing industry.

THREE GERMANS

(Continued from Page 4.)

selves from the police. The shop was wrecked in the process.

And the Great German wept over the ruin. Yes, I saw him, myself, blubbering like a great big child over his disordered armaments. And he whined about his losses.

In the Germany of to-day the Great German dominates. He will talk big and act ruthlessly and has completely dominated the Simple German and the Mystic German. But when the time comes for his beautiful armament shop to be wrecked he will whine and whine. And no doubt the Simple German and the Mystic German will pay for his losses.

Miller Watson

Wang Follower Shot Dead

Gunmen Assassinate Restaurant Diner

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

SHANGHAI, Nov. 13 (UP).—Three Chinese gunmen to-day shot and killed Chao Fan-kiu, an alleged member of the Wang Ching-wei clique.

The assassination occurred this evening after Chao and a friend left a Chinese restauran and walked along the French side f oAvenue Edouard VII.

The three gunmen sat next to Chao and his friends while they were sating in the restaurant. They afterwards followed Chao and opened fire from behind at point blank range, hitting Chao four times.

Chao's friends were unharmed and are being hed the police, who are endeavouring to learn Chio's position in the Wang Ching-wei regime.

Canadian Wheat Crop Record

LONDON, Nov. 13 (British Wireless).—The High Commissioner for Canada in London is advised that the Canadian wheat crop of 1939 is now estimated at 478,965,000 bushels.

Last year's final estimate for the wheat crop was 350,010,000 bushels whilst the average for the five years, 1932 to 1937, was 300,390,000.

This year's crop of oats reached 385,930,000 bushels as compared with the 1938 total of 371,382,000 bushels, while the barley crop is estimated at 103,266,000, a slight increase on the 1938 harvest.

The rye crop totalled 15,307,000 bushels as against 10,988,000 bushels in 1938.

Pope's Broadcast To America

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

ROME, Nov. 13 (Reuter).—The Pope, broadcasting to America on the 50th Anniversary of the Catholic University in Washington, said that Christian youth faced the disconcerting errors of naturalism and materialism which, by precipitating the world into an appalling war, had given cruel proof of the falseness of philosophy grounded on a human basis.

The Pope, in conclusion, blessed the Episcopate and all Catholics in the United States.

KING AND QUEEN ATTEND CINEMA

LONDON, Nov. 13 (British Wireless).—The King and Queen, who were accompanied by the Duchess of Kent, visited a West End cinema this afternoon and saw the film "The Lion has Wings," depicting the exploits of the Royal Air Force.

It was their Majesties first visit to a cinema since their Coronation and the first visit to a place of entertainment since the outbreak of war.

London's "Tubes" To Re-open

LONDON, Nov. 13 (British Wireless).—One of the worst but necessary inconveniences of wartime conditions in London has been the closing of certain tube stations to allow of flood prevention operations, and news that work is proceeding day and night and rapidly approaches completion is welcomed by Londoners.

Two important stations will reopen on Wednesday, and it is hoped that all will be finished before Christmas shopping begins.

French Withdraw N. China Troops

TOKYO, Nov. 14 (Reuter).—The French Ambassador, M. Henry, yesterday afternoon sent a note to the Foreign Minister, Admiral Nomura, communicating the withdrawal of the French garrison and troops from North China.

The French note is similar to the British communication.

60-CENT STAMP REALISES £300

LONDON, Nov. 13 (British Wireless).—An unused Newfound 60 cent air mail stamp was sold at a London stamp auction to-day for £300. The stamp was one of 300 issued for Commander de Pinedo's flight from Newfoundland to Rome in May, 1927.

Air mail stamp collecting is experiencing a tremendous wave of popularity—in particular among American and Canadian collectors.

NAZI AIRMEN RESCUED

LONDON, Nov. 13 (Reuter).—A Dutch cargo boat has picked up three German airmen, whose plane crashed into the North Sea.

The pilot was drowned.

The men have now been interned.

CHARITY FUNCTION

For Relief Of Distress In China

The Chinese Youth's Medical Relief Association is sponsoring a Charity dinner and dance in the Rose Room of the Peninsula Hotel on November 29. The entire proceeds will be used for war relief work.

The Association has, ever since the outbreak of the Sino-Japanese conflict, been organising many Medical Units consisting of doctors and nurses for service in the war-torn areas.

Besides dinner and dancing, an attractive programme of entertainment has been arranged. Mr. Herbert Tong will croon a few tunes followed by an exhibition of the latest American jitterbugs. Mr. Hugh Chen will do a tap number. The Harmony Trio, Misses B. C. Ma, Dora Chow, and P. C. Ma will render popular songs. The outstanding item will be a tango tap, arranged by Mr. Hugh Chen, with Misses Bella Ma, Elsie Lay, Mary Chan, Lily Chan, Pansy Woo, Dora Chow and Joan Ma.

Tickets at $7 each including dinner, are obtainable at the Hongkong Hotel and Peninsula Hotel.

TWO PILOTS RELEASED

The Japanese authorities officially announce that Captain J. Wilson and Pilot Officer Raeburn, pilots of the Imperial Airways plane Dardanus which was shot down last week, have been released in Canton.

No information is available as to whether the Japanese examined or interfered with the mail from the Dardanus.

The mail was brought to Hongkong last night by Japanese steamer from Canton and was taken off the ship by the Postmaster General, Mr. E. I. Wynne-Jones and the head of Imperial Airways at Hongkong, Lieut. Commander A. D. S. Murray.

The mail has been closely examined by authorities here in order to ascertain whether it has been interfered with.

The Postmaster General refused to disclose the result of his investigations. The mail will be forwarded by the plane Delphinus leaving to-morrow.

Big Army To Be Recruited

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

PRETORIA, Nov. 13 (Reuter).—The whole existing active citizen force, plus units still to be formed, is o be brought up to war establishment by volunteers aged up to 45.

Red Cross Fund Now Totals £625,000

LONDON, Nov. 13 (British Wireless).—The Lord Mayor's Red Cross Fund reached £652,000 last night.

STOCK MARKET REPORT

Hongkong Stock Exchange official summary issued yesterday, says:

Quietness still pervades the market and to-day's trading does not amount to much more than the proverbial row of pins.

Buyers

Docks $18½
Providents $4.10
H. & S. Hotels $4.40
Realties $4.20
Yaumati Ferries $22½
China Lights (Old) $7.60
Telephones (Old) $20½
Cements $14.80
Entertainments $6

Sellers

H.K. Banks $1,350
Realties $4½
H.K. Govt. 3½% loan $97

Sales

Unions $400
Star Ferries $61
Yaumati Ferries $22¾

Manila Gold Shares

	Ps.	
Antamoks	.14	s
Atoks	.17	s
Baguio Gold	.15	s
Batong Buhay	.0100	s
Benguet Col.	11.20	s
Big Wedge	.21	s
Coco Grove	.17	s
Consol. Mines	.0030	s
Demonstrations	.07½	s
I.X.L.	.38	s
Ipo Gold	.14	b
Itogons	.23	s
Mambulao	.04	b
Masbate	.08¾	s
Mind. Motherlode	.07¼	b
Mine Operation	.08½	b
North Camarines	.13	b
Paracale Gumaus	.17	s
San Mauricio	.73	s
Surigao Consol.	.10½	b
Suyoc Consol.	.12½	s
Syndicate Inv.	.020	b
United Paracales	.31	s

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Exchange At A Glance

SELLING

T.T. London	1/2⅞
Demand do.	1/2⅞
T.T. Shanghai	280
T.T. Singapore	52¾
T.T. Japan	103
T.T. India	82⅝
T.T. U.S.A.	24¼
T.T. Manila	48½
T.T. Batavia	45¼
T.T. Bangkok	149½
T.T. Saigon	108
T.T. France	10.90
T.T. Switzerland	107
T.T. Australia	1/6½

BUYING

4 m/s L/C London	1/3¼
4 m/s D/P do.	1/3⅜
4 m/s L/C U.S.A.	25¼
4 m/s France	11.45
30 d/s India	84⅝
U.S. Cross rate in Lon.	4.02
U.S. Cross rate in N.Y.	3.93¼

H.K. Stock Market

The following quotations were issued on the Hongkong Stock Market this morning.

BANKS		
H.K. Banks $	1,350	n.
H.K. Banks (Lon. Reg.)	£85	n.
H.K. Banks (H.K. Reg.)	£84	n.
Charatered £	8¼	n.
Mercantile, A. & B. £	27⅝	n.
Mercantile, C. £	11⅞	n.
East Asia $	71	n.
INSURANCES		
Canton $	205	b.
Union $	400	n.
China Underwriters $	1¼	n.
H.K. Fire $	175	n.
SHIPPING		
Douglases $	70	b.
Steamboats $	12	n.
Indo-Chinas, P.$	60	n.
Indo-Chinas, D$	30	n.
Shells (Bearers) s/-	84/4½	n.
Waterboats $	8.10	n.
DOCKS ETC.		
Wharves $	101¾	n.
Docks $	18.60	b.
Providents $	4.35	s.
New Eng. Sh.	14.40	n.
Sh. Docks Sh. $	204	n.
MINING		
Kailan s/-	18/-	n.
Raubs $	9.75	n.
Venz. Gold $	4	n.
H.K. Mines	3¾ Cts.	n.
LANDS		
Hotels $	4½	n.
Lands $	33¼	s.
Lands 4% Deb. $	par.	n.
S'hai Lands Sh. $	10.30	n.
Humphreys $	7¾	n.
H.K. Realties $	4.20	b.
Chinese Estates $	100	n.
UTILITIES		
Trams $	16.05	s.
Peak Trams (old) $	7.40	n.
Peak Trams (new) $	3.70	n.
Star Ferries $	61½	n.
Y. Ferries $	22¾	b.
China Lights (old) $	7.60	b.
China Lights (new) $	4¾	n.
H.K. Electrics $	40½	b.
Macao Electrics	18	n.
Sandakan Lights $	11½	n.
Telephones (old) $	20½	b.
Telephones (new) $	7.60	n.
Tractions s/-	18/-	n.
Tractions (Pref.) s/-	18/6	n.
INDUSTRIALS		
Cald: Macg. (Ord.), Sh. $	14	n.
Cald Macg. (Pref.), Sh. $	13	n.
Canton Ices $	1	n.
Cements $	15	s.
H.K. Ropes $	4.90	n.
STORES, &c.		
Dairy Farms (old) $	20	n.
Dairy Farms (new) $	19¼	n.
Watsons $	8.10	s.
Lane, Crawfords $	7½	n.
Sinceres $	1.80	n.
Wing On (H.K.) $	41	n.
Powell, Ltd. $	1	n.
COTTON MILLS		
Ewo Sh. $	22	n.
S'hai Cotton Sh. $	175	n.
Zoong Sing, Sh. $	42	n.
Wing On Textiles, Sh. $	48½	n.
MISC.		
H. K. Entertainments $	6	b.
Constructions (old) $	1.65	n.
Constructions (new) $	1	n.
Vibro Piling $	8½	n.
Ch. Govt. 5% 1925 G. Bonds	50%	n.
H.K. Govt. 4% Loan	100	n.
H. K. Govt. 3½% Loan	97	s.
Marsmans (Lon.) s/-	15/3	b.
Marsmans (H.K.) s/-	4/-	n.

Private Car Parks

To the sixteen authorised private motor car parks in the Central District the Police have recently added four more, and this is confirmed by the Government *Gazette*. The additional parks are:

Ice House Street, east side between Des Voeux Road Central and Connaught Road Central; Jubilee Street, east side between Des Voeux Road Central and Connaught Road Central; Connaught Road Central, centre of roadway between Pedder Street and the western end of the stand for rickshas at Connaught Road Central, centre of road, west of Star Ferry; Club Street, west side.

Baby Born In New Jail

YORK.—The new county jail has an additional distinction. Its first baby was born there to a woman being held as a material witness in a killing.

Withdrawal Of Troops

Japanese Satisfied With Move

London, Nov. 13.

It is reliably reported that troop repatriations may be eventually extended to include Shanghai. It is pointed out that if and when this occurs American troops will replace those withdrawn, according to agreement.—*United Press.*

Japanese Satisfaction

Tokyo, Nov. 13.

Sir Robert Craigie visited the Premier, Admiral Nomura, to-day and officially informed him that the British Government has decided to remove the larger portion of its troops from Tientsin.

As the official reason for the withdrawal, the Ambassador cited the European requirements. He said that a small number of the Durham Light Infantry would remain in order to protect property and maintain order.

The Japanese reaction to this decision is considerable satisfaction. Some quarter regard it as the first move for eventual relinquishment of British interests in North China.—*United Press.*

Rights Not Given Up

London, Nov. 13.

Government quarters emphasise that while reducing the Tientsin, Peiping and Shanhaikwan garrisons from 1,000 to 200, Sir Robert Craigie's recent conversation have made it clear that the withdrawals are not involved with treaty rights.—*United Press.*

French Follow Lead

Tokyo, Nov. 13.

The decision of the French Government to reduce its garrisons in North China in view of the European conflict, was communicated to the Japanese Government by the French Ambassador here to-day.

M. Arsene Henry, the French Ambassador, was received by the Foreign Minister this afternoon.—*Domei.*

French Shanghai Garrison

Paris, Nov. 13.

The Quay d'Orsay admits the reduction of the garrisons in China since the outbreak of war, and says the strength in the Shanghai Concession has been reduced to one-third. This strength, it is stressed, maintain all extraterritorial prerogatives.—*United Press.*

Japanese Informed

Tokyo, Nov. 13.

Japanese quarters welcome the British decision, which they allege falls in line with the Japanese Government's representation on September 6 asking belligerent Powers to "eliminate all possible causes of untoward events between them and Japan in China."

It is not known here how many British troops will be withdrawn. Semi-official Japanese quarters estimate there are at present about 1,000 British troops in North China.—*Reuter.*

JAPAN AND RUSSIA

Tokyo, Nov. 13.

The Japanese Ambassador to the Soviet Union, Mr. Shigenori Togoh, will meet M. Viacheslav Molotov the Soviet Foreign Commissar to-day, to continue their conversations started on Friday regarding the organisation of the border commission.

The joint border commission will consist of 40 members including 20 Japanese and Manchukuo members and 20 Soviet and Outer Mongol members.

The China meeting of the commission will be devoted to the demarcation of the disputed frontier near Nomonhan. The commission will later meet at Harbin.

The spokesman of the Foreign Office said that negotiations would shortly be started to settle the fishery question.

Negotiations for settling other questions including those of the Japanese oil and coal concessions in North Sakhalien would be held in the near future.

Mr. Taneo Miyazawa, Parliamentary Vice-Minister of War, and Mr. Yoshitaka Koyamada, Parliamentary Councillor of the War Office, left Tokyo on Friday on an inspection tour of the Manchukuo-Outer Mongol border near Nomonhan.—*Domei.*

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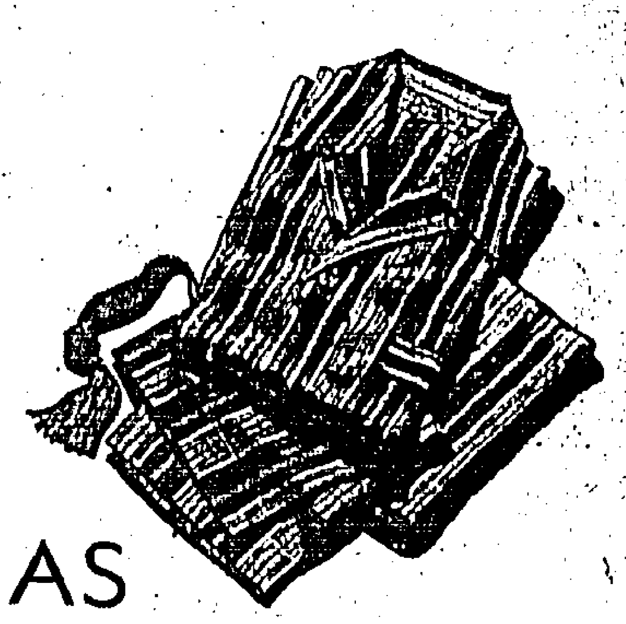

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"R. Abbit's" Cricket Comments

EXCELLENT GAME ON CLUB GROUND

Civil Service C.C. Win: Richardson and Pearce In Fine Batting Form

CONTRARY to my expectation, there was an excellent day's cricket on Saturday last, although there were several absentees in Camp.

The whole day match against the Civil Service at the H.K.C.C. ground was a most successful affair, though I think there were three members of the second eleven included in the Club side. T. E. Pearce made a welcome reappearance, and batted in his usual excellent style.

AS neither Ride nor Kilbee had been able to get away early Alec Pearce went in first, and the family partnership was most successful as the half-century was hoisted without loss. At 56, however, Alec Pearce played to glance a ball on the leg side, and was taken at the wicket. It is probable that it actually touched his pads and not his bat—the fielders on the leg side thought him not out—but it is one of the most difficult of decisions. In the straight-forward catch at the wicket the umpire can—and must—rely upon deflection more than sound. But on the leg side deflection may come either from bat or pads.

Pearce had played watchful and excellent cricket, as he is not used to going in first, and had restrained his game a bit. I heard it said it was better cricket than the first fifty of his century the week before.

A COLLAPSE

THEN came trouble, for Ilsley failed, and T. E. Pearce got a really good one from Fenton which pitched on the blind spot and bowled him. Three wickets had thus fallen at 56. John Pearce held up an end, but Ride could not get the ball away, and was yorked in trying to open up.

Then came a stand between John Pearce and Kilbee who both got into the twenties, and the latter saw the hundred up when joined by Bosanquet, who was batting under difficulties with a heavily strapped thumb. But 103 for six wickets in an hour and a half was none too good in view of the excellent start, and the Civil Service, whose bowlers had done nobly, backed up by good and alert fielding, came in to tiffin in good heart.

After lunch the game was resumed at 2.05 and Bosanquet and Parsons faced McLellan and Perry. After two singles came from McLellan's first over, Parsons mistimed Perry and lifted the ball to McLellan at mid-off (108-7-2).

INTERESTING POSITION

CHARLTON succeeded and played out the over, and the position was interesting as Bosanquet—a sound bat—was there though handicapped by injury, and the two last to come, Robb and Fox, were both forcing batsmen who might or might not crack up a quick twenty or so. Charlton did not last long as he got inside one of Perry's, and was smartly taken in the gully by Whitley off a quick chance (110-8-1).

J. H. Fox succeeded and hit Perry to mid-wicket with a pulled shot for four, but he skied the last ball of the over and McLellan made a very good catch running back—one of the more difficult type of catches as it was spinning a lot. (114-9-4.)

The batsmen had crossed, and Robb played back to McLellan's first ball which kicked a bit. It went up towards short leg, and Fortescue dashed out from behind the sticks and took the catch, (114-10-0), and the last four wickets had fallen in 18 minutes for eleven runs.

CIVIL SERVICE BAT

FORTESCUE and Richardson opened the innings at 2.37. Ilsley started the bowling from the Naval Yard, and Richardson put his second ball behind point for a couple. The third kicked, but the fourth, a full toss, landed on the canopy of the Ladies' tent at square leg, and the sixth went to long leg for four, a beautiful shot. The eighth was glanced to fine leg—I thought it had hit his pads—and Richardson had taken 14 off the first over.

T. A. Pearce bowled at the Law Court end. He was obviously turning the ball from the off quite a lot, and Fortescue only managed a single in the covers. He sent Ilsley's first ball, however, to long leg for four. A single sent 20 up.

RUNS BEGIN TO COME

IN T. A. Pearce's next over he was obviously turning a lot, and, after Fortescue had taken a four between extra and mid-off from a full toss, Richardson snicked a single round to long leg, and the bowler brought his extra cover to forward short leg, moving Ride to the backward position. Fortescue, however, managed to secure two more fours around mid-off, one lifted a bit.

ROBB KEEPS A LENGTH

ROBB went on for Ilsley, and Richardson glanced a couple to fine leg, and put a short one to long leg for four to send up forty. Next over T. A. Pearce bowled to Richardson with two forward short legs, and the batsman did not seem at all comfortable. However, he got a single, and Pearce pulled up mid-on, and shifted a forward to backward leg. But the response was a four through the covers.

Richardson sent up fifty in 25 minutes with a hook. It looked as if Robb was bowling leg breaks a good deal slower than I recollect his doing in the past, but he struck an excellent length.

A NARROW ESCAPE

JUST then the Club should have had a wicket as Richardson turned one to leg straight to a man. He never moved and said 'no,' but Fortescue galloped down the pitch. A poor return which the bowler could not quite get hold of alone saved him. However, after a single and a fine crack to extra cover for four by Fortescue, the latter hooked wildly at a shorter one from Robb and was bowled (55-1-27).

In his score the retiring batsman had six fours. I think he has not quite got the light yet for he had played several hooks before, and missed the ball altogether. He will have to watch those shots more closely, as the ball comes off at varying heights here much more than at Home.

MORE TROUBLE

PERRY came in and the score rose slowly to 68, when Richardson hit one hard from Robb into the covers, and a brilliant bit of fielding by Alec Pearce sent the ball in by the balls, and Fox made no mistake, and Perry was palpably out. He is, admittedly, a little slow between the wickets, but, to Alec Pearce, the run should not have been attempted.

Colledge came in and scored a couple of singles, but then fell into Alec Pearce's leg trap and turned the ball tamely into John Pearce's hands at short leg.

Richardson felt he must do something about it, and hooked Robb for four, put Pearce through the covers for four, and hooked him for a similar number. A two in the gully and a four to extra made a most useful 14 of the over, and 90 went up. He pulled Robb for a four to long on next over.

RUNS ARE HIT OFF

JOHN Pearce then relieved his brother at the Law Courts end. McLellan banged a short one to the long leg boundary, but propped one up to be c. & b. three balls later. (98-4-5). Paterson came in, and Alec Pearce came to silly mid off, but the batsman hooked the first ball to the square leg boundary and the hundred went up. Singles followed and Richardson hit John Pearce through the covers for four to send up 110. A snick for four through the slips, his first bad shot, tied the game, and a single in the covers gave Civil Service the victory by six wickets.

Just afterwards, Paterson was magnificently caught by T. A. Pearce at silly mid-off off a hard chance that never was more than a foot above the ground.

C.S.C.C. BAT ON

RICHARDSON continued until he was caught on the boundary by Parsons off a lofty drive—a good catch and a splendid innings. Hollidge, one of the youngest members of the side batted in very good form for 20, and the score was declared at 178 for nine—there were no extras!—to let the Club have a knock again. I gather they got about 130 for three—both Ride and Kilbee getting going in the forties and fifties, but by that time I was down at Craigengower.

Indians Save Game

CRAIGENGOWER, in spite of their losses, have set about pulling their side together, and they certainly gave a very good performance to run up 169 for 8 declared against the I.R.C., who are still without A. R. Minu. I was glad to see that H. P. Lim turned out again for Craigengower and got 17. I think it must be ten years or perhaps a little less, since he captained a very useful first eleven.

The first six men all got double figures, but the real stand was between G. Souza (48) and E. A. Lee (39). I am glad to see that Souza is getting into form again. A. H. Madar bore the brunt of the bowling, and took 5 for 39 in eleven overs, by no means a bad performance. The only other bowler to do anything was Bakar, but his three wickets were rather expensive.

The Indians started disastrously as Y. el Arculli was taken before a run had been scored. Nazarin and M. P. Madar considerably improved things, and they were very hard on Billimoria's first over before he found his lengths. After scoring 16, the former batsman was run out, backward leg throwing down his wicket when a sharp run was being attempted. Things looked serious, but A. H. Madar, as usual, settled down and

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The Rest football team which beat the United Services on Sunday. Included in the picture are Mr. W. E. Hollands (manager), Mr. Stokes (referee) and the linesmen. The team: (backrow—left to right) Leung Wing-chiu, Lee Tin-sang, Cheung Wing-choi, Hsu King-seng, Blackburn, Williamson; (front row) Fowler, Fung King-cheung Lee Wai-tong, A. V. Gosano and Hau Ching-to.—*Mee Cheung.*

Megan Taylor Turns Ice Professional

SYDNEY, Nov. 13 (Reuter).—Miss Megan Taylor, English holder of the women's world figure-skating championship, has turned professional, according to her father, with whom she is co-starring in an ice review.

Miss Taylor will later tour America, from where she has received an offer of £300 weekly.

Basketball

Colony Girls Win By Last Minute Goal

MANILA, Nov. 13 (UP).—A last minute goal by Diana Chen captain of the Hongkong girls' basketball team, nosed out Manila's Chinese Y.W.C.A. team by 18 to 17 in the most exciting game of the Hongkong-Manila series so far.

Scores by quarter were Hongkong 6-4, Hongkong 11-10, Hongkong 12-14. Diana Chen scored eight points for Hongkong and Lau Shun-yee four.

Hongkong meets the Manila champion Anglo-Chinese team on Thursday.

Hockey Incident Probed

H.K.F.A. Team For Governor's Cup

The following have been chosen to represent the Hongkong Football Association against the Chinese Amateur Athletic Federation in the first round of the Governor's Cup to be played on Sunday November 19, on the Navy Ground at 3.30 p.m.

Robinson (R.N.); Hendy (R.N.), Sheehan (Midd.); Wilkinson (Midd.), Williamson (Kowloon), Coles (R.N.); Fowler (Club), Gosano (St. Joseph's) Captain, Hossack (R.S.), Thoburn (R.N.) and Middleton (R.N.). Reserves.—Drake (Midd.), Blackburn (Police), Bright (Midd.), Honniball (St. Joseph's), Ferrier (Police), and Gordon (R.S.).

Team manager, Inspector A. Kirby.

The Chinese A.A.F., will select their team to-day.

Apology To Be Sent To The Umpire

AN ENQUIRY into the recent hockey incident which led to the abandonment of the D.G.S.-Recreio "B" match was held yesterday at a meeting of the Hongkong Ladies Hockey Association.

The inquiry yesterday found that the Schoolgirls were to blame for disputing the decisions of one of the umpires, although it was at Recreio's suggestion that Mr. Gonsalves, one of the officiating umpires, decided to abandon the game.

The Diocesan Girls School were warned that repetition of a similar incident in the future would entail suspension for the rest of the season.

The inquiry suggested that in future either the gym mistress or one of the school's mistresses be present at the League games.

LETTER OF APOLOGY

The captain of the D.G.S. team said she would write a letter of apology to Mr. J. Gonsalves.

The Council of the Association decided to co-opt the gym mistresses of the D.G.S. and C.B.S. to the Council ex-officio, with no power to vote.

The first League matches of the season will be held on Saturday when Central British Association will entertain "Y" in the Caer Clark Cup League at 3 p.m., while "Y" Juniors will be at home to Central British Association, also at 3 p.m.

Football

Chinese Win Charity Game In S'hai

SHANGHAI, Nov. 13 (UP).—Before the biggest crowd seen in a soccer game in the last three years, a Chinese team narrowly defeated a combined British and French team by four goals to three at the Canidrome this afternoon.

A crowd which was estimated at nearly 20,000 completely packed the spacious stands and overflowed the field.

The proceeds of the match will go in the proportion of one-third each to the British War Fund, French War Fund and Chinese Refugee Relief.

The Anglo-French side included six British Services players.

Adamson Cup Qualifiers

Returning a card of 76-13=63, J. T. Reeve qualified for the Adamson Cup in the November qualifying round at Happy Valley over the past week-end.

Other scores were T. J. Price 74-9=65; Lt.. Col. E. D. Matthews 78-12=66 and W. Ahern 77-9=68.

Football Pools

Correspondence Too Heavy For Present Conditions

THE POSTMASTER-GENERAL, Major G. C. Tryon, received a deputation from the Football Pools Promoters' Association, a little while ago, and informed them of the Government's decision that, in view of the strain already thrown on the Post Office by the war, the Government is of an opinion that the further burden involved in the resumption of pool transactions cannot be justified in present circumstances.

Ten million people are commonly estimated to have taken part regularly in football and other pool betting. It was estimated by the Postmaster-General in April that the Post Office derived £3,367,411 from football pool business in 1937-38. The annual turnover was estimated just over a year ago at £40,000,000, and it has been stated that 25,000 people were directly employed in the industry.

An official of the Union of Post Office Workers expressed great satisfaction at the Postmaster-General's decision.

GOLF AVERAGES

S. L. King Heads 1939 List With 72.87

S. L. King, a Ryder Cup player, of Knole Park, Sevenoaks, heads the list of averages with 72.87 for the season which came to a close at the beginning of the war.

The averages are based on the five major stroke tournaments, including the Open championship, with a minimum of 12 out of a maximum of 20 rounds. King's 16 rounds do not include the remarkable score of 133 (68 and 65) for his two rounds in the qualifying test for the match-play championship at Sundridge Park.

Owing to the season's curtailment the prize money amounted to £9,300 as against £13,000 last year. Following King in order of merit are:

R. A. Whitcombe, 73.00; Henry Cotton & Padgham, 73.25 each; C. A. Whitcombe, 73.28; R. Burton, the Open champion, 73.43; W. J. Cox, 73.71; W. J. Branch, 73.94; D. J. Rees, 74.06; B. Gadd, 74.08; J. Adams, 74.1; J. Fallon, 74.11; M. Faulkner, 74.17; A. Perry, 74.18; T. Collings, 74.21; W. Shankland, 74.25; P. Allis, 74.33; A. Lees, 74.35; C. S. Denny, 74.5; S. A. Easterbrook, 74.9; E. R. Whitcombe, 74.92; G. Johnson, 74.93; C. H. Ward, 74.95, & A. J. Lacey, 75.00.

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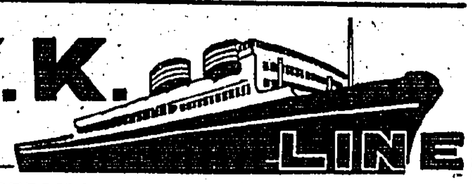

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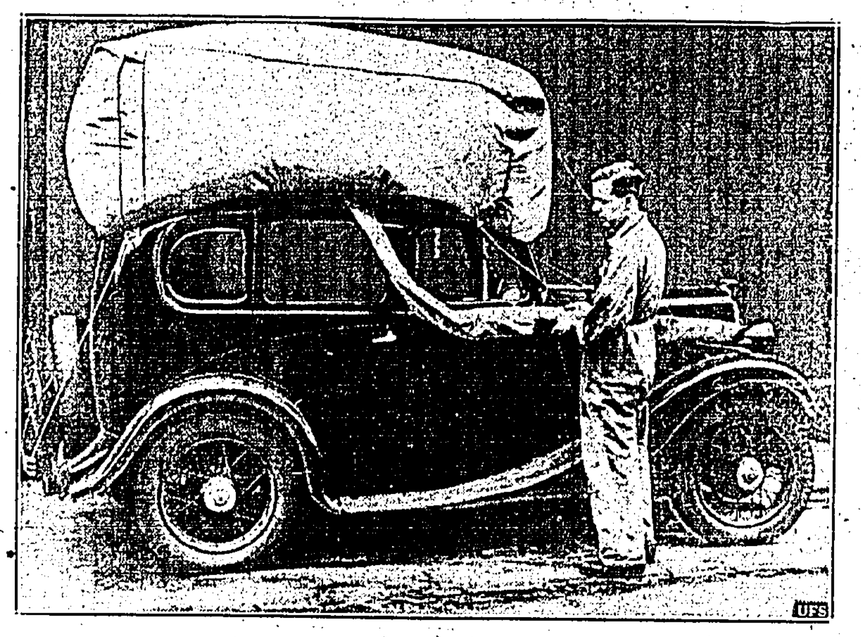

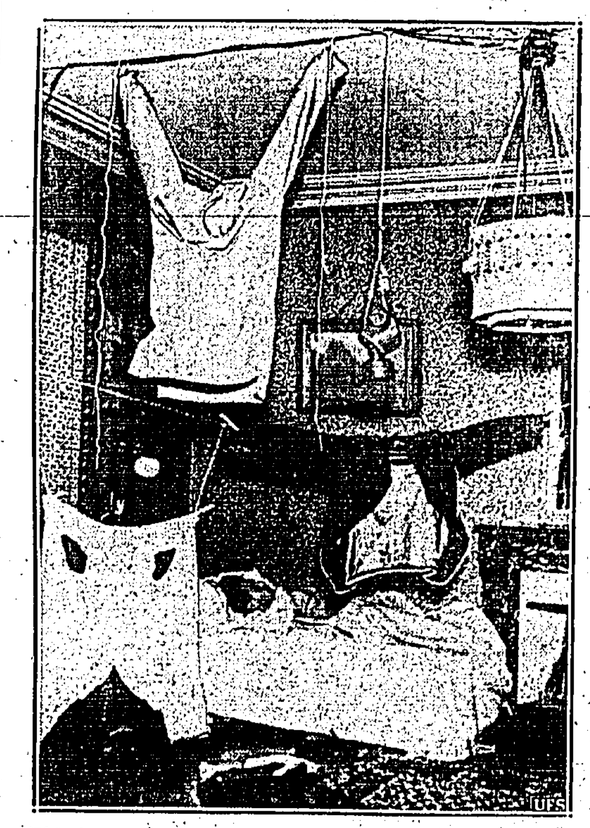

This ingenius young Swiss, of Berne, lying on couch, is all set for an air raid. Emulating a fireman, he has his coat, shirt, underwear and gas mask suspended at just the right angles for swift action.

As Britain, in common with other European nations, conserves gasoline for war purposes and puts restrictions on its use by civilians, automobiles are being equipped with balloons; as above, filled with manufactured gas. Cost of metal tank to hold gas under pressure is reported prohibitive.

Prince Ernst von Starhemberg, extremely wealthy former Vice Chancellor of Austria and former Hitler follower, now exiled by German Reich, which has confiscated his wealth. Property included 13 castles in Ostmark, long in his family.

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A Look Through The "Telegraph"

50 YEARS AGO

Nov. 14, 1889.

"Money is uncomfortably tight," is the general cry throughout the Colony. We have no doubt that this assertion is absolutely correct but we can see nothing very surprising about it; money is always objectionally tight when one requires it very urgently. Of course there are special reasons why at the present time in Hongkong financial arrangements are not quite so easily managed as of yore.

It would be useless to attempt to disguise the fact that the present financial dead-lock is chiefly owing to the mad era of share speculation which for so many months transformed the commercial life of Hongkong into a gambling hell of the most dangerous and iniquitous type.

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A curious but useful feature of the theatres in Melbourne is that they are mostly equipped with billiard-rooms.

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Queen Victoria says she will not sit for her picture any more.

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Edinburgh with a population of 300,000 has no street cars on Sunday, giving the cab-men a monopoly which enables them to charge one-third more than on week days. There are no trains running and the day is given up to religious worship, running, and a good deal of whisky-drinking.

25 YEARS AGO

Nov. 14, 1914.

A despatch to the "Times" from Geneva says that the Suisse states that Emperor William is ill with inflammation of the lungs, as the result of having fallen into a trench filled with water.

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Considerable sensation has been created at Petrograd by discoveries made on board the German cruiser "Magdeburg" that was blown up after going ashore at the entrance of the Finnish Gulf. Among the articles lying about the decks on the afterpart, where boats were lowered for the majority of the crew to escape on the accompanying destroyers, were several specimens of the old "cat o' nine tails."

When the Russian authorities went through the ship they found one of these instruments in every officers cabin, and all bore signs of long and hard usage.

The public are to have an opportunity of inspecting these latest-discovered instruments of Prussian culture.

10 YEARS AGO

Nov. 14, 1929.

The Nobel Prize for Literature has been awarded to Thomas Mann, the famous German novelist. (Mann is in exile from the Nazis.—Ed.).

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H.R.H. the Duke of York, the King's second son, to-day addressed a meeting of the World Alliance for promoting International friendship through the churches. The meeting was held at No. 10 Downing Street.

Miss Isabel MacDonald presided, and the Archbishop of Canterbury, Lord Davidson (ex-Archbishop) and Lord Parmoor were present.

The Duke paid a tribute to the work of the Alliance. He said whether or not peace or war in future was to be the means of settling disputes must depend on the way in which the youth of the world is educated.

Contemplation of the horrors of the last war to the generation now growing up was rather the same as older people might look upon the Crimean War. It was not the horrors of the past, but a right understanding of the problems which faced us that would achieve the result which we so ardently desired. (The Duke is the present King.—Ed.).

5 YEARS AGO

Nov. 14, 1934.

It is believed here that because of the overwhelming popular endorsement of Administration policies as a result of the elections, industrial leaders are realising the futility of effective political opposition to the Administration and will co-operate with the Roosevelt scheme.

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War Minister's Statement To Commons Reveals New Facts

HOW THE BRITISH ARMY IS FARING ON WESTERN FRONT

Mr. Hore-Belisha, Secretary of State for War, described to the House of Commons recently the work of the Army, particularly the organisation by which the British Expeditionary Force of 158,000 men had been transported intact to France without a casualty. His chief points were:—

Altogether at the disposal of the Army in England alone, including the Reservists and Militia, we had at the outbreak of war the best part of 1,000,000 men on whom we could call. . . . This will not be the limit of effort.

The Middle East has been strongly reinforced and also our garrisons elsewhere, both in material and in men.

Men within the classes proclaimed are being called up in batches, and with each batch we are taking a quota of volunteers. . . . From the ranks we shall mainly derive our junior officers.

The British Army is under the French Command. The British Commander-in-Chief has a right of appeal to his own Cabinet. Understanding is complete and good and whole hearted.

Mr. Hore-Belisha said:—

I am able to inform the House that we have fulfilled—and more than fulfilled—our undertaking recently given to France to dispatch to that country in the event of war a British Expeditionary Force of a specified dimension within a specified time. (Cheers.) Nor are the contingents at present across the Channel the last that will arrive. Within six weeks of the outbreak of war in 1914 we had transported to France 148,000 men. Within five weeks of the outbreak of this war we had transported to France 158,000 men. During this period we have also created our base and lines of communication organisation so as to assure the regular flow of supplies and munitions of every kind and to receive further contingents as and when we may decide to send them.

The major operation is thus over and it is possible to speak to the House with frankness. I wish it had been prudent to do so previously.

Night by night we have awaited at the War Office for tidings of the arrival of the convoys. These have averaged three a night. It would have been encouraging to have shared at every stage the news as we received it with the nation, so uncertain of what was transpiring and so naturally eager for reports about its Army. The Press, like Parliament, willingly observed a reticence which in itself was a safeguard for our contingents. (Cheers.) There is no need for further silence, and a body of war correspondents has just arrived in France with the object of keeping us all informed of day-to-day impressions and happenings. (Cheers.)

It was a small body of specially selected officers in the War Office who with seven confidential clerks and typists secretly worked out every detail of this plan for moving the Army and the Royal Air Force to France. They foresaw and provided for every need: the selection of ports and docks, of roads and railways, of accommodation of all types, of rest camps and depots, of hospitals and repair shops, at every stage on both sides of the Channel. Their ingenuity, their precision and their patience would have baffled Bradshaw. Those who belong to the military profession, having in their arrangements to adjust themselves always to the unexpected and the unforeseen, have to show in the preparation and execution of complicated projects a resource and efficiency which can rarely be exacted from those engaged in civilian enterprises. The Expeditionary Force has been transported to France intact without a casualty to any of its personnel. (Cheers.)

New Problems

May I describe to the House some aspects in which the task on this occasion has differed from that of 1914, although, as one watches the process, continuing with the smoothness of a machine, one finds it hard to believe that there has been a break of 25 years in the passage of these two Armies. Then the men marched on to the ships, the horses were led, and a light derrick could lift what the soldier could not carry. In those days there were only 800 mechanised vehicles in all, and it was a rare load that exceeded a couple of tons.

We have already on this occasion transported to France more than 25,000 vehicles, including tanks, some of them of enormous dimensions and weighing 15 tons apiece or more. Normal shore cranes could not raise them, special ships were required to carry them, and highly trained stevedores to manipulate them. Consequently, as contrasted with 1914, where ordinary vessels took men and material together from the usual ports, in this case the men travelled separately and the heavier mechanisms had to be transported from more distant ports, where special facilities were available. The arrangements for the reunion of the troops and their material on the other side made an additional complication.

Similarly, and for other reasons also, more remote landing-places had to be selected in France, thus making the voyages much longer.

Again, internally, and as a precaution against air attack, more devious internal routes were taken than in 1914. Vehicles and men were dispersed in small groups, halted in concealed areas by day and moved onwards by night.

As with transport, so with maintenance the problem has become greater than it was a generation ago. Every horse eats the same food and can continue, like man, to move though hungry. Vehicles come to a standstill when their tanks are empty. (Laughter.) There are in France 50 types of vehicle and most of them require a different grade of fuel and lubricants. Great reserves have had to be conveyed and stored. There is a ready way of dealing with a lame horse. The veterinary surgeon's outfit is now replaced by a series of completely equipped workshops in France.

None of these problems existed, except in embryo, in 1914. It was a light Army that travelled then. Nearly 60 per cent. of the fighting troops in 1914 were infantrymen, relying on their rifles and bayonets and two machine-guns a battalion. Now only 20 per cent. of the fighting troops are infantrymen, with 50 Bren guns, 22 anti-tank rifles, and other weapons as well with each battalion. It will be seen by this one example how much more effectively armed with fire-power is the present Expeditionary Force.

Men In Fine Spirit

There is, however, one respect in which our Army has not altered; its relations with our Allies—(cheers)—who have welcomed the men so generously—are as good humoured. The catchwords of the soldiers are as amusing.

I was fortunate to see some of them myself on my recent visit to G.H.Q. I would like their parents and wives to know that they are in fine spirit. The only serious shortcomings at the moment are an inadequacy of cigarettes and a slowness in the delivery of letters. (Hear, hear.)

The Commander-in-Chief and his Corps Commanders report of them in terms of the highest pride. At this moment they are busily engaged in fortifying their positions in the line. Civilian skill and machinery are augmenting our military resources. We are determined to perfect existing defences and to supplement them speedily by every means.

To all those who have co-operated in this military movement, to the various Government Departments, both in this country and in France, the gratitude of this nation is due. (Hear, hear.) Especially, however, should the achievement be recorded as evidence that the maritime might of Britain is unimpaired. (Hear, hear.) The Navy has not lost its secret and the Air Force has held its protecting wings over another element of danger.

It is not only to France that British soldiers have been transported. The Middle East has been strongly reinforced and also our garrisons elsewhere, both in material and in men.

One part of our Army, however, remains stationary in this country, waiting and watching, in little groups. In isolated stations the anti-aircraft units have been on guard since.

(Continued on Next Column.)

Goebbels libels Vatican in Berlin Newspaper

Goebbels is in trouble again—this time for a libellous statement against the Vatican which has gravely offended Catholic opinion throughout Italy and Spain.

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He stated in his paper "Angriff" that the Vatican had accepted bribes from the Allies for quoting "exaggerated German losses" on the Polish front and publishing them in "Osservatore Romano," the Vatican paper. Spanish and Italian radio repeated this statement.

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It has created such a storm that the Vatican has protested to the German Government. Goebbels has received an angry message from Hitler telling him not to publish anything anti-Catholic that could be quoted abroad.

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With Italy slipping farther away from Germany, Hitler does not want to outrage Italian opinion.

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Germany's plan that Russia should build many of her U-Boats has been abandoned because Nazi experts, as already stated have reported adversely of Russian building.

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But Russia has prevailed on Germany to undertake construction of a number of Soviet warships, with Soviet materials. These will be used to augment the Baltic fleet which cuts Germany off from the north. Another Stalin victory.

Tuberculosis In Colony

There are no apparent signs that Tuberculosis is increasing in the Colony following the requirement of its notification as an infectious disease last January.

As the notification only commenced early this year, it is difficult to indicate whether the actual proportion of cases to the total population shows an increase over that experienced in previous years, said the Director of Medical Services, Dr. P. S. Selwyn Clarke.

On the other hand as regards deaths, the notification of which has been compulsory for many years, the number for the first ten months of this year was 3,736 as compared with 2,416, 4028, and 4,920 for the whole 12 months of 1936, 1937 and 1938 respectively.

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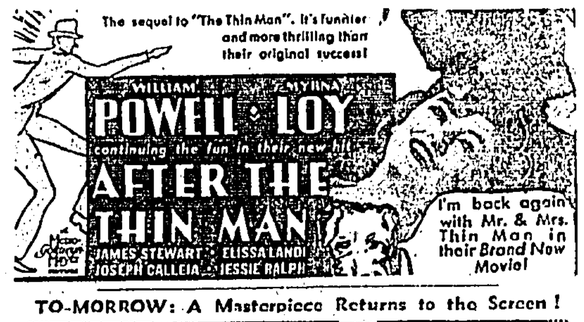

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PLANES BOMB SUBMARINE

Believed Direct Hit Was Made

LONDON, Nov. 13 (Reuter). — British reconnaissance aircraft carried out an attack on a submarine yesterday, it was officially announced.

A U-boat was spotted on the surface and immediately began to submerge but a salvo of bombs was dropped.

One appeared to make a direct hit when the submarine had reached periscope depth.

The sea was rough and the broken water prevented signs of damage being accurately observed.

SHORTAGE OF PORK

Decrease In Importation Of Pigs from China

A further increase in the price of pork, from about 55 cents per catty to about 80 cents per catty, during the last two weeks, is said to be due to a shortage of supplies arriving in the Colony.

Dealers at the Central Market state that about 1,000 pigs are slaughtered daily in normal times, but only about 300 pigs are arriving in the Colony every day. The pigs, most of which come from Hoihow and Kwongchowwan, were sold at around $20 per picul, but they were now paying about $45 a picul.

In some respect the present shortage of pork is due to the Japanese blockade of Pakhoi, one of the chief outlets of pig exporting centres. Frequent Japanese warship attacks on junks around Pakhoi has been a great hindrance to the movement of goods from Pakhoi. One or two British ships have been prevented from loading.

The latest news from this southern port says that the blockade shows signs of relaxation due to the departure of most Japanese warships, except one.

A number of dealers and stallholders were sending out buyers to Kowloon and the New Territories for supplies, but these were not sufficient to meet the local demand.

There are at present 12 pork stalls vacant out of 62 in the Central Market. Stall-holders state that the rent is still too high, being around $45 per month compared with $10 to $15 in the old market.

A tour of the market during the peak period yesterday afternoon confirmed the remarks made by Mr. R. R. Todd, Chairman of the Urban Council when the market was opened for business. Mr. Todd said: "Some of the higher rents which were tendered may be economically unsound. Time alone will show whether this is so or not. . . ."

Rentals were considerably reduced about two months after the opening, but the present rentals are still considered unprofitable.

The vegetable dealers appear to be the hardest hit, as there were 17 stalls vacant out of a total of 50. The general reason given is the inability of the Police to clear the vegetable hawkers from the side streets near the market; although the present state of affairs is considered better than a short time ago.

The fish section of the market appeared to be doing very well. There are four stalls vacant out of 31 in the fruit section, and five vacant out of 40 in the meat section.

LATE NEWS

DONATION TO FUND

A decision to give $1,000 to the British War Organisation Fund to be spent in providing comfort for the troops, was made at the annual meeting of the St. Patrick's Society of Hongkong held at the Hongkong Hotel last evening.

Mr. C. G. Perdue presided at the meeting, which was followed by a cocktail party.

It was also decided that no members of the Navy, Army or Royal Air Force, or lady members should be required to pay entrance fees.

"It is unfair to ask members of the fighting services to pay entrance fees now that their stay in the Colony is liable to be so short," said Mr. Perdue.

Pointing out that the Society was in quite a flourishing financial state, Mr. Perdue said the expenditure in purchasing a set of Irish bagpipes involved only an increase in goods. It was especially fitting that as the Society was fortunate in having Mr. Begdon as its piper, it should have its own pipes for use on various occasions.

The proposal to give $1,000 to the British War Organisation Fund was made by Mr. G. P. Murphy.

Seconding the proposal, Mr. Perdue said that he had spoken to Sir Atholl MacGregor regarding how money remitted to the Fund would be spent, and he had been informed that money sent would be spent in any way the donors wished.

Dr. G. W. Pope suggested the donation be earmarked to provide comfort for the troops.

An amendment to the proposal that the amount be raised to £100, made by Mr. J. Grenham, was defeated.

It was decided that the fees for membership should consist of an entrance fee of $5 and an annual subscription, payable on October 1 each year, of $5. The fee for Life Membership was reduced from $100 to $50.

It was agreed that Honorary Life Members might be elected at any annual general meeting, and that such Life Members should be nominated by the General Committee and should not be required to pay subscriptions.

In order to give each incoming President a tangible token of appreciation it was decided to present them with a gold badge of the Society when they assumed office.

The form of social functions for 1940, if any, was left to the incoming committee.

A vote of thanks to the retiring President was proposed by Mr. C. E. Terry.

The following officers were elected. President, Mr. J. C. M. Grenham; Committee, Messrs. C. E. Terry, P. J. Hamilton, F. P. R. James, D. J. Crozier, R. J. Minnitt and M. G. O'Connor; Hon. Secretary, Mr. B. H. C. Hallowes and the Hon. Treasurer, Mr. P. J. A. Hamilton, and the Hon. Auditors, Messrs. W. B. Finnigan and F. G. Maunder, were re-elected.

Munich Plot Sequel

Gestapo Now Arresting Each Other

LONDON, Nov. 13 (Reuter). —Reports from neutral sources indicate that the Gestapo is maintaining its mass arrests following the Munich bombing.

The Gestapo seems to be using the bombing as an excuse to arrest Germans with property and those who might be potential dangers to the Nazis.

The Gestapo claims to have traced portions of the bomb mechanism to two firms which manufacture such clockwork.

According to the German "Freedom" station, however, the Gestapo itself is far from comfortable.

Gestapo Men Arrested

Members of the Gestapo, reports the station, are accusing one another of complicity and several Gestapomen have been arrested. One Gestapoman is reported as saying: "It is exactly like that which prevailed on the eve of the blood purge of June, 1934."

All information about Hitler's movements are now kept secret.

For instance, his personal flag was flown above the Chancellery when it was known for a fact that he was in Munich at the time.

Sarcastic B.B.C. Commentary

LONDON, Nov. 13 (Reuter).—In a talk from Daventry to-night, a British journalist who had been in Germany for the past 18 years, spoke about the Munich bombing.

The German propaganda machine, he said, is trying to trace some connection between Mr. Chamberlain's gout and the bombing—although whether the gout was brought on by excitement while awaiting the result of the wicked plot or disappointment at the failure of the British Secret Service to "get" Hitler is not made clear.

The Nazi propaganda machine also compares Henry II's "Will none rid me of this fellow?" which resulted in the death hundreds of years ago of Thomas a'Beckett, with Mr. Chamberlain's "We must get rid of Hitlerism," which, it is suggested, set off his faithful agents to start the bomb outrage.

But They Don't Believe It

It is very obvious that the Nazis do not believe in this themselves by the way they are carrying out mass arrests of Germans.

But neither Jews, Catholics, Monarchists or Communists—all of whom might have justification for bitter feelings against Hitler and his cohorts—would have perpetrated such an outrage.

On the other hand, it might have been perpetrated by those Nazis who are malcontents, or who find themselves unable to reconcile themselves with the pact with Moscow.

It is also suggested that it was a second "Reichstag fire," that is, that it was perpetrated by the Gestapo itself.

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FATEFUL THREE DAYS FOR DUTCH

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

VEBLO, Nov. 13 (UP).—The general feeling over a large section of the south-eastern German-Dutch frontier is that the next three days may be fateful for Holland.

"I toured an extensive border area," reports the "United Press" correspondent.

"Although from this side there are no visible indications of Germany being ready to march, persons who have been in German territory claim that the Reich's military machine is in a state of instant preparedness.

"The feeling is that if there is no invasion within the next three days Germany may not strike at this frontier in the present stage of the war.

"At many points on the frontier it is impossible to approach closer than within two miles of the frontier by motor car.

"The roads are barricaded on both sides, completely disrupting the normal flow of traffic and commerce."

Door Not Closed

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

THE HAGUE, Nov. 13 (UP).—It is the Government's opinion that the door to peace is not closed.

Well-informed circles apparently attach much importance to Hitler's speech of October 6. They say that

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FINLAND'S POSITION EXPLAINED

Cannot Concede The South Baltic Port

LONDON, Nov. 13 (Reuter).—In a talk from Daventry tonight, a Finnish professor said that the deadlock in the Finnish-Soviet negotiations had arisen as the result of the Russian territorial demands on Finland in both the extreme north and extreme south.

Finland and the Soviet, he said, had been at peace ever since the freely-concluded treaty of 1920, when Finland's present territory was unconditionally recognised by Soviet Russia.

Proper diplomatic machinery existed for the settlement of any differences arising between them from time to time.

No Soviet Minorities

When the Leningrad wireless accused Finland of "intolerable anti-Russian terrorism," the complete reply was that nowhere in Finland did there exist any Russian minorities.

Finland was all one piece and one could no more speak of Russian minorities in Finland than one could of English minorities in France.

Concerning the demands in the extreme north, the Professor pointed out that this area was ceded to Finland by Russia in 1920.

It provided Finland with its only wholly ice-free port outside the Baltic and was an important factor in her food supply system should the Baltic be blockaded.

Cession of this area would also raise important international issues, as Norway and the Soviet would have a common frontier.

No Compromise Possible

Turning to the demands in the south, the Professor said these in-

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HUT, ONE, FOR SERVANT, CIVIL

LONDON, Nov. 14 (Reuter).—Civil servants who, together with their departments, evacuated to the country some weeks ago, may shortly be installed in hutment camps.

Government's idea is to minimise as far as possible the difficulties of hotel and property owners, whose property has been requisitioned to house Government offices and officials.

"NEW DEAL" FOR CHINA

Generalissimo Lays Down Ten Points

CHUNGKING, Nov. 14 (Reuter).—The ten points to be followed by the Chinese nation were laid down by General Chiang Kai-shek when he addressed the weekly memorial meeting here yesterday.

The Generalissimo urged:

1.—Chinese ethics should be followed;
2.—Industries should be developed;
3.—Education should be promoted;
4.—Economy should be practised;
5.—A civil service system should be carried out;
6.—Dignity of the Law should be upheld;
7.—A supervisory system should be observed;
8.—Border affairs should be examined;
9.—Constitutional government should be established;
10.—Dr. Sun Yet-sun's teachings should be followed.

These represent the main points of the manifesto of the Fifth Kuomintang Congress.

Presidium Elected

CHUNGKING, Nov. 14 (Reuter).—The preparatory meeting of the Sixth Plenary Session of the Central Executive Committee of the Kuomintang was held yesterday.

Dr. H. H. Kung, Mr. Wang Fa-chin, Mr. Ting Wei-fang, Mr. Chu Cheng, Mr. Yu Yu-jen, General Feng Yu-hsiang, Mr. Tai Chi-tao, Dr. Chou Lu, Mr. Yeh Chu-tsang, Mr. Chen Ku-fu and Mr. Li Wen-fang were elected to the Presidium.

The Presidium will appoint a sub-committee for the examination of proposals submitted by delegates.

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"
WITH THE FRENCH ARMY IN THE FIELD, NOV. 13 (UP).—FOR 450 MILES ALONG THE RHINE, FROM LAUTEDURB TO BASLE, TWO POWERFUL ARMIES ARE FINALLY IN POSITION TWO AND A HALF MONTHS AFTER THE WAR STARTED. THEY STARE AT EACH OTHER WITH THEIR TRIGGER FINGERS COCKED, BUT EACH WAITING FOR THE OTHER TO FIRE THE FIRST SHOT.

The Germans' friendly attitude, which flatly failed to shake the French soldiers determination to see the war through, has given way to a solemn, silent hatred as the German divisions have reached the Rhine from the Polish front.

The French troops had received orders to fire on Germans attempting propaganda within range on the other side of the Rhine. The firing has not begun, however, because both armies from behind steel and concrete shelters merely observed every move the other makes.

FORTS AND FLOODS

I have just travelled the whole length of the Rhine front from Lautedurb past Strasbourg and Mulhouse to the Swiss frontier writes a "United Press" correspondent. I saw a million and a half men holding the defence zone which was wholly depopulated of civilians.

I saw great numbers of guns of every size and every range.

I saw the southern arm of the Maginot Line fully manned and terrifically powerful.

I saw the Rhine floods swirl around the Siegfried pillboxes on the river's very edge on the German side.

I did not hear a single shot fired within the whole 150 miles, where warriors were ever present, but where the war has not yet begun.

The only damage I saw were four bridges dynamited voluntarily by the French early in the war to insure against a German surprise attack.

Rhine A Natural Barrier

The Rhine to-day is still seven feet above its normal level, but is going down. The swift current would prevent either Army from building pontoon bridges. Throughout the winter the rains will keep the river high and the currents swift. When summer comes the heat melts the Alps snows and glaciers and the Rhine is in flood.

This winter and summer the Rhine may be considered as an effective barrier.

A few days ago when the German divisions were resting from the Polish campaign and ready to move into the Rhineland positions, Austrian divisions were ordered out of the river-

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13,000 TON SHIP SUNK

Japanese Steamer Rescues Passengers

LONDON, Nov. 14 (Reuter).—It was announced last night that a Liverpool steamer of 13,000 tons had been sunk by a German submarine.

The crew and three passengers had been rescued by a Japanese steamer.

The Japanese vessel saw the submarine before the attack and later received a message from the British ship, saying that she was being pursued.

A later message stated that she had been torpedoed and the Japanese vessel turned about to the rescue.

Neutral Shipping Losses

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

LONDON, Nov. 14 (UP).—Neutral shipping losses since the outbreak of war, in which Norway has been the heaviest loser, are as follows:

Norway, nine vessels totalling 20,001 tons;
Greece, four ships, 19,455 tons;
Denmark 3 ships 12,558 tons;

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AIR RAID ON CANTON

Chinese Warplanes Bomb Military Establishments

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

SHANGHAI, Nov. 14, (UP).—Chinese reports say that a squadron of Chinese planes, at 7 a.m. yesterday, bombed the Japanese military establishments at Canton and the suburbs.

The report said that all the Chinese planes returned safely to their base despite a dogfight with Japanese planes. The Japanese establishments were set afire and destroyed.

No Betrayal By Britain

Archbishop Pleas For Federation

LONDON, Nov. 14 (Reuter).—The Archbishop of York, in a speech at Wimbledon yesterday, said that it was essential that the Polish and the Czech Governments be represented as free and independent nations at any peace negotiations.

Britons would be ready for a conference as soon as Germany was prepared to make restitution for her aggression against her neighbours.

"Germany to-day is prepared for peace only if we are prepared to recognise her military conquests," said the Archbishop.

"Assent to that would be a base betrayal. We can discuss nothing until the Polish state has been restored.

"The Czech claim is morally as great as that of the Poles."

Discussing peace, Dr. Temple said he could see no safe future except on a basis of some form of federalisation of Europe, and the limitation of national sovereignties.

CARTOON

The day when Goering bans everything, even bathing slips, we shall have seen all the horrors of war.
—L'Œuvre.

SEQUEL

LONDON, Nov. 14 (Reuter).—Rationing in Germany has now been extended to clothes.

A man is now allowed only one new suit, one shirt and five pairs of socks.

A woman is permitted one costume and one morning dress.

Dramatic Rescue Scenes As Sirdhana Sinks Within Sight Of Singapore

POLICE OFFICER SAVES 137 CHINESE WITH REVOLVER

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

SINGAPORE, NOV. 13 (UP).—THOUSANDS OF PEOPLE ON SINGAPORE'S WATERFRONT WATCHED THE 7,743-TON B.I. STEAMER SIRDHANA PLUNGE TO HER DOOM IN THE SINGAPORE ROADS THIS MORNING, AFTER STRIKING A FLOATING MINE.

Eleven Asiatic passengers are dead and nine are missing.

The liner sank fifteen minutes after striking the mine.

Passengers, who included many Europeans en route to Hongkong, lost all their possessions.

Over a hundred Chinese deportees who were incarcerated aboard ship behind iron grilles were saved through the prompt action of a Hongkong police inspector, who shattered the lock on the grille door with a shot from his revolver. The deportees were en route to Hongkong.

Among the passengers were Nicola the Great, the well-known illusionist, and his troupe of fifteen, who were to have opened a season at the Majestic Theatre in Hongkong this week.

Nicola the Great is under the managership of Mr. Charles Hugo, brother of Mr. Vic Hugo, the popular Hongkong showman and manager of the Oriental Theatre. Mr. Charles Hugo was also aboard the ship.

The Nicola troupe lost all their equipment, which was valued at $200,000 Straits currency. It was not insured.

The Chief Officer of a nearby Japanese ship was the first person on the scene. He pulled across the intervening water in a small rowing boat, and was instrumental in saving several people.

Sampans, junks, harbour tugs and naval launches shortly afterwards arrived.

Sank In 15 Minutes

SINGAPORE, Nov. 13 (Reuter).—The B.I. steamer Sirdhana foundered.

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Japanese Warplane To Bring 2 Britons To Hongkong After Detention In Canton

DARDANUS PILOTS ALLOWED FREEDOM

THE JAPANESE authorities officially announce that Captain J. Wilson and Pilot Officer Raeburn, pilots of the Imperial Airways plane Dardanus which was shot down last week, have been released in Canton.

No information is available as to whether the Japanese examined or interfered with the mail from the Dardanus.

The mail was brought to Hongkong last night by Japanese steamer from Canton and was taken off the ship by the Postmaster General, Mr. E. I. Wynne-Jones and the head of Imperial Airways at Hongkong, Lieut. Commander A. D. S. Murray.

The mail has been closely examined by authorities here in order to ascertain whether it has been interfered with.

The Postmaster General refused to disclose the result of his investigations. The mail will be forwarded by the plane Delphinus leaving to-morrow.

Japanese Warplane Due In Hongkong

The "Telegraph" understands that a Japanese naval warplane, the first to visit the Colony, will land at Kai Tak airport this afternoon.

The two Imperial Airways pilots who have been held in Canton, and were released at 11.30 a.m. yesterday, will be passengers.

Through the courtesy of the Japanese naval authorities, the two pilots will be flown to Hongkong for the purpose of picking up a spare tyre—one of the tyres of the Dardanus was punctured by machine gun bullets when the plane was forced down last week—and will then be flown by Japanese plane back to Welchow Island.

The Imperial Airways pilots will then be permitted to fly the Dardanus back to Hongkong.

BRITAIN'S WITHDRAWAL OF TROOPS

No Question Of "Sell Out" To Japan

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

LONDON, Nov. 13 (UP).—Quarters close to the Chinese Embassy, although scarcely pleased, appear reconciled to the British withdrawals of troops, due to the fact that it is accompanied by the firm assurance of Great Britain's unchanging policy of neutrality.

The British Ambassador to Japan, Sir Robert Craigie, in recent conversations at Tokyo, emphasised to Japan that the move involves no sacrifice of British rights or interests under the various treaties pertaining to China, and similarly notified the United States, France and Italy, as

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SWEDISH SHIP IN FLAMES

Member Of Crew Lost In Yokohama Blaze

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

YOKOHAMA, Nov. 14 (Domei).—One sailor is missing and another was seriously injured when a fire broke out aboard the 6,390-ton Swedish freighter Famara in Yokohama harbour this morning.

The fire started at 1.10 a.m. and was put under control at 3.10 o'clock. Four rooms were destroyed. The fire originated in the crew's quarters, reportedly from a lighted cigarette carelessly thrown by a member of the crew.

Material damage done by the fire is estimated at 40,000 yen. The ship entered port on Monday morning.

LATEST

See Back Page For Further Late News

GAYDA'S "WARNING" TO BRITAIN AND FRANCE

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

ROME, Nov. 13 (UP).—Signor Gayda, writing in the "Giornale d'Italia," warned the French and British to keep out of the Mediterranean.

He re-affirms that the Italian foreign policy remains unchanged.

"We do not intend to engage in polemics regarding Mr. Churchill's statement. It is sufficient for us to remember the sanctions and the encirclement policy," he said.

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Cricket Comments

(By "R. Abbit")

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played watchful cricket, while M.P. took the long handle.

IDEAL MIXTURE

IF you could melt down the two Madars in a bowl, mix completely and then pour out two batsmen, you would have an excellent product. M.P. takes a little more amount of risk than he should while A.H. takes the same amount less. However, that made an excellent stand, and after M.P. had put one up to mid-off M. el Arculli (21), rendered stalwart assistance.

A.H. was out for 38, but what might have been a dangerous situation was saved by A. H. Rumjahn (not out 11), and S. A. Ismail (not out 15), who played out time.

A Splendid Finish

I WAS VERY GLAD to see that Teddie Fincher has turned out again for the K.C.C., and his absence seems merely to have spurred him on, as he hit up an excellent 79 not out at the end, to bring Kowloon home just in time. T. A. Madar got going too, and his 41 materially assisted the Club.

It is only fair, however, to the Army to say that Mann, Weedon and Hatfield were away playing for their regiment against the Sappers. As a general rule we would expect to find them in the Army side. However, they did by no means badly.

Corporal Webb, promoted to the first eleven, got 21, while Driver Logan, who have been here some time, I think, ran up 39. Godby played a characteristically breezy innings. I hear he scored ten boundaries out of 56, and the Army declared at 170, for six.

The Kowloon bowling, in the absence of Robert Lee, was definitely weak, though it was very pleasing to find my old friend Frank Goodwin turning out again, and sending down 6 overs for 29 runs and one wicket. If only that leg injury of his will hold up there are years of cricket in him. Anderson, who is not doing so well this year, got 17 and took a couple of wickets, but he was very expensive.

Altogether it was a game, from what I gather, that I should very much like to have seen, but one cannot be in more than one place, or possibly two, at once.

The Central British School

THE C.B.S. have got a very excellent team this year, and although they had Pryde and another regular member of the side away, they had much the better of the Civil Service second eleven, although the latter made a draw of it.

F. A. Weiler batted uncommonly well for 41. He is, I am told their soundest bat. Odell did not come off this time, but he has had his share of runs before. Hurley (27) and J. W. Clague (not out 32), had a good stand and the innings' total was 151. For the Civil Service, Lockhart was top scorer with a nice 21, and someone—I think it was Ebbage—but I cannot be sure as it was dark—laid about him stoutly at the end. Stumps were drawn with the score at 105 for 8.

Another School Side

IN VIEW of the amount of reliance we must place on our local cricketers for the next few seasons, I was delighted to discover that another school team has made its appearance—St. Joseph's College, who, I know, have played before, but do not, I think, have a very long or regular fixture list, but they firmly put it across the Recreio 2nd eleven, which is by no means a bad second Division side. The Recreio got 110, and then St. Joseph's cracked up 116 for 5 with Felix top scorer with 37 runs.

Middlesex Win

AT SOOKUNPOO, the Middlesex had a decisive victory over the Sappers, whom they put out for 77, of which Ratcliffe got 27 not out, Ship 24 and Extras 20, while the rest collected 6 runs! Hatfield did most of the damage, his figures reading 9/3/24/5. He also knocked up 30 not out, and with W. Weedon's 19 and Extras 27, the score reached 110 for 9.

Cards

I HAVE NOW received cards from the H.K.C.C., I.R.C. and the Recreio, and I should be very glad to get any others as soon as they are ready, as it is rather difficult arranging one's programme in advance if one doesn't quite know what is going to happen. I particularly want the K.C.C. card if I can get it, as I haven't yet managed to see them in action.

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NOTICE IS HEREBY ALSO GIVEN that the SHARE TRANSFER BOOKS of the Society will be CLOSED FROM SATURDAY, 4th NOVEMBER, to TUESDAY, 14th NOVEMBER, 1939, Both Days Inclusive.

By Order of the Board,
A. W. HUGHES,
General Manager.

Hongkong, 4th October, 1939.

POLICE OFFICER SAVES 137 CHINESE WITH REVOLVER

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in 15 minutes in the Singapore Roads this morning. She is believed to have struck a mine.

Eleven Asiatic passengers are dead and nine are missing.

Passengers included 137 Chinese deportees, most of whom were imprisoned behind a steel grille in the forward hold.

They were saved by prompt action by a British Police Inspector, who blew the lock open with a gun.

The American magician, Nicola, with his wife and troupe, were saved but lost their equipment.

Boarded Last Life-Boat

Nicola told "Reuter" that he and his wife managed to board the last life-boat, holding 70, just as the ship sank.

After rowing for half an hour, the life-boat was taken in tow by a rescue launch.

"Two men of my company, unable to get into the life-boat, dived off as the vessel heeled. They clung to some wreckage.

"After being picked up by a launch, they helped in rescue work.

"None of my property was insured and I have lost a fortune," he said.

Inquiry Begins

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

SINGAPORE, Nov. 14 (UP).—The preliminary inquiry into the sinking of the steamer Sirdhana began to-day.

Survivors report that there were two explosions shortly after the pilot had disembarked.

French Withdraw N. China Troops

TOKYO, Nov. 14 (Reuter).—The French Ambassador, M. Henry, yesterday afternoon sent a note to the Foreign Minister, Admiral Nomura, communicating the withdrawal of the French garrison and troops from North China.

The French note is similar to the British communication.

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SILENT HATRED NOW REPLACES EARLY WAR BANTER

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side fortifications, and they warned the French.

Austrian soldiers walked to the waters edge, cupped their hands and shouted across "Be careful now. We Austrians are going away. The Germans are moving in to-morrow."

No More Band Concerts

Since that day there have been no more band concerts or Hitler's speeches through loud speakers, no more kindly banters and no more unfurling of huge banners by the Germans asking the French "Why do you fight us? Why do you bring war to lovely France?"

As I travelled along the west bank of the Rhine, I counted an average of one German fortification every 250 yards over the entire length of the River.

Those along the edge are squat concrete blocks whose sides drop directly into the water. There is almost no pretence at camouflage. They have left the grey forbidding walls for all to see, and tiny slots indicate plentiful fire to discourage any French attempt to force a crossing of the river.

Siegfried Line Described

From a high position, I could see the second and third rows of the Siegfried line forts. They are so close that they formed one thick belt of defence between which there are barbed wire and trenches.

There are three or four Siegfried fortresses for every Maginot line position, but that is no comparison because each French fortress is three or four times as powerfully built.

On both sides of the river the lowlands are flooded for a considerable distance. From the French end of one of the dynamited bridges, I could see across the river without glasses, and watched some Germans in a boat crossing a temporary lake, a few yards inland from the Rhine, as they carry food and munitions and supplies to the marooned Siegfried fortresses at the river's edge.

They were within easy range of the French rifles, but no Frenchmen fired at them, although the Frenchmen around me watched the Germans push their boat across the lake with a pole.

Exit The Civilians

Nowhere along the German side could I see any signs of civilian activities. The same was true of the French side. In the three mile zone which was ordered to be evacuated of all civilians, there was only one factory operating on the whole Rhine front—a sugar factory which is barely two miles from the Rhine where the great Alsatian beet crop is being converted into sugar before the fighting starts. Elsewhere in the three mile zone, peasants were forced to leave their untouched crops.

Hops and tobacco—the two richest crops—are rotting on the stem.

The French Rhine vineyards are further inland where the famed wines are made, and the pressing is just finished with the indication of a bumper wine crop.

Many Alsatian peasants lost their whole crops and those whose fields are on the German side of the river were unable to cross in order to harvest when the French dynamited the pontoon bridge. Their land has since been confiscated.

German Communique

BERLIN, Nov. 13 (UP).—A High Command communique says: "New attempts by strong detachments of enemy reconnaissance troops to gain a foothold on the heights on both sides of Liederschiedt, 11 kilometers southwest of Pirmasens, were made without success. An officer and 24 men were captured.

On both sides of Saarbruecken, artillery fire was somewhat stronger than in the past few days."

NAZI AIRMEN RESCUED

LONDON, Nov. 13 (Reuter).—A Dutch cargo boat has picked up three German airmen, whose plane crashed into the North Sea.

The pilot was drowned.

The men have now been interned.

BURMAH'S NEW AERODROME

LONDON, Nov. 13 (Reuter).—The Government of Burmah has approved setting aside an aerodrome for providing facilities for training and flying.

BRITAIN'S WITHDRAWAL OF TROOPS

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signatories of the Boxer protocol who maintain troops in China.

Washington has been continuously informed of the British intentions.

It is stated in British circles that the North China garrisons would have been withdrawn earlier had it not been for Japanese pressure, under which the British authorities were not willing to act.

French Troops

PARIS, Nov. 13 (UP).—The Quai d'Orsay states that France is maintaining her troops in China: firstly, to assure a guard for the French Government buildings at Peiping and other cities; secondly, a reduced garrison at the Shanghai Concession; thirdly, full strength at Tientsin to maintain French rights; and, fourthly, the majority of troops will be withdrawn from Canton for service elsewhere in the Empire.

All Governments have been informed of these temporary garrison reductions. France will maintain all garrisons and extra-territorial prerogatives in China.

Fidelity Questioned

LONDON, Nov. 14 (Reuter).—British policy in the Far East is the subject of a letter to the "Times" signed by Mr. A. D. Lindsay, Mr. W. H. Beveridge, Mr. W. D. Ross, and Mr. John Lowe.

After expressing admiration for the statesmanship fashion in which the Washington Government is utilising the voice of its Ambassador to Tokyo, the letter adds:

"What Mr. Joseph Grew stated in such friendly but uncompromising terms, expresses the mind of the British peoples, and we should like the United States Government to be assured that in this matter Britain stands side by side with America.

"On general grounds we may applaud our Prime Minister's message to the Japanese people, that Britain cherished no grudges, but we would have made it doubly clear that Britain also very much cherished her principles. Among these is fidelity to the cardinal undertaking of the Nine-Power Treaty, namely the upholding of the integrity and independence of China.

"Unless that be safeguarded to the best of Britain's and America's ability, confidence will be affected, and the seeds of long-term disorder will be sown in the Far East.

Apply Only To Tientsin

LONDON, Nov. 14 (Reuter).—The "Daily Telegraph" political correspondent learns that the decision to withdraw a number of British troops from China refers only to Tientsin.

One of the reasons for this is the flooding in the Tientsin barracks.

It would have cost £10,000 to repair the damage caused and would have entailed unsuitable conditions for our troops, especially with the approach of winter.

The correspondent adds that but for the fact that it might have appeared that the Government was acting under pressure, the action would probably have been taken earlier.

It is now felt that our relations with Japan permit the step to be taken without misunderstanding.

This action has been taken, it is emphasised in official circles, without abandoning any principle or endangering other Treaty Powers.

At the same time, it can be construed as an indication that we are prepared to recognise any friendly gesture made by Japan.

13,000 TON SHIP SUNK

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Sweden seven ships 11,100 tons;
Finland five ships 8,740 tons;
Holland two ships 8,021 tons;
Belgium two ships totalling 8,202 tons.

British Destroyer Attacks German Steamer

REYKJAVIK, Nov. 13 (Reuter).—An S.O.S. call from a Hamburg steamer, Parana, reporting an attack by a British destroyer, has been picked up by the radio station here.

The Parana is a German steamer of 6,038 tons and was built in 1921.

Two Nazi Ships Sunk

LONDON, Nov. 13 (Reuter).—It is officially announced that the German steamers, Mecklenburg and Parana, 8,000 tons and 6,000 tons respectively, were intercepted by British warships.

The crews abandoned them in a sinking condition.

The warships rescued the crews and sank the vessels by gun-fire to prevent them from becoming dangers to navigation.

British Ship Sunk

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

BERLIN, Nov. 13 (Reuter).—A German submarine sank the British vessel, Ponzano, 1,340 tons, in the Atlantic, according to the German news agency.

A message from Vigo says that a Japanese ship reports having sighted a German submarine and shortly afterwards intercepted an S.O.S. from the Ponzano stating that it had tried to escape the U-boat but was stopped and fired upon.

London's "Tubes" To Re-open

LONDON, Nov. 13 (British Wireless).—One of the worst but necessary inconveniences of wartime conditions in London has been the closing of certain tube stations to allow of flood prevention operations, and news that work is proceeding day and night and rapidly approaches completion is welcomed by Londoners.

Two important stations will re-open on Wednesday, and it is hoped that all will be finished before Christmas shopping begins.

FINLAND'S POSITION EXPLAINED

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cluded a port in the Baltic which was not only an excellent harbour but the only Finnish port which seldom froze over.

No compromise on this point, therefore, was possible for Finland.

The Professor concluded by saying that the differences between Finland and Soviet Russia were none of Finland's seeking.

Finland was, and always had been prepared to be reasonable in the negotiations.

This Is How It Goes

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

LONDON, Nov. 13 (Reuter).—Moscow wireless accuses Finland of failing to inform the Soviet regarding the recent "dangerous" rise of the rivers in the frontier area which, it claims, the Finns are bound to do under an international treaty.

Recall Of Delegates

HELSINGFORS, Nov. 13 (Reuter).—After five blank days, the Finnish Government has considered it necessary to re-establish direct contact with its delegates. Hence their recall, said M. Erkko, the Foreign Minister, in an interview to-day.

The Finnish attitude concerning the Moscow talks was a positive one, M. Erkko said.

Finland did not intend to suspend negotiations indefinitely but would continue trying to obtain a definite and satisfactory result by a display of goodwill and understanding.

M. Erkko added that until the delegates had made a personal report, it was impossible to say whether they would return to Moscow.

The Russian proposals and the Finnish counter-proposals would be laid before the various Parliamentary groups, but would not yet be made public.

New Press Attacks

MOSCOW, Nov. 13 (Reuter).—The Soviet Press has taken up a new line in the attack on Finland.

It points out the high cost of Finland's mobilisation and claims that Finland is on the brink of ruin, and that it cannot stand the financial strain for many more months.

The Soviet Press also accuses the Finnish Government of not informing the Finnish Parliament of the true nature of the Soviet demands.

This is refuted by many official statements which have been released, such as M. Erkko's observation that the Soviet demand for a Finnish island was like demanding Sandy Hook from the United States or the Isle of Wight from England.

Blockade Threat

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

MOSCOW, Nov. 13 (UP).—The Finnish delegation entrained for Helsingfors at 9.50 p.m. The vice Foreign Commissar, Z. A. Pontikov, was the only Government representative at the depot. The staffs of the Finnish Legation and the Ministries of Sweden, Norway and Denmark were, however, present.

M. Pansikivi declined to make any comment regarding the cause of the breakdown in negotiations and declined to speculate regarding a possible resumption.

"Pravda" hints that Finland could endure mobilization only for several months whereas the huge Soviet Army on the Finnish frontier would be able to wage an indefinite war of attrition, which might eventually lead to Finnish capitulation.

The threat of a Soviet steamroller, coupled with a possible blockade of the south coast of Finland, is considered as most likely action by the Soviets unless Finland agrees to resume the talks on the lines of the Soviet demands.

All official utterances in Soviet quarters indicate that the Kremlin will not allow itself to be frustrated in Russia's determination to secure a position in the Baltic.

American War Business

Billion Dollars Worth Of Orders Expected

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

NEW YORK, Nov. 13. (UP).—It is estimated that if the War continues United States manufacturers will book 1,000,000,000 dollars worth of armament orders next year.

This will be offset by a $200,000,000 loss in peace time trade, thus it is estimated that America's net war gain for American business will be $800,000,000, or one per cent. of the national income expected in 1940.

Besides these estimates it is predicted that wartime spending will result in the re-employment of half a million unemployed in the United States.

The Allies are reported to be contemplating the purchase of half a million tons of steel in the United States, but as far as can be ascertained only a few orders have so far been placed because of reluctance to accept war business.

Aircraft Orders

Foreign aircraft orders are already estimated at $30,000,000, with prospects of an additional $70,000,000.

Some Allied truck orders have been placed. France is reported to be buying 200,000 blankets.

The industries which the war will probably injure are the food, office equipment, cinema, shipping and speciality lines.

Generally there is no enthusiasm for war business, due to the fact that extra plants procured for the purpose prove to be white elephants afterwards.

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INWARD MAILS

Air Mail by "Pan American Airways Direct Service"—San Francisco date, 7th November. ..... **Nov. 14.**
Amoy ..... Nov. 14.
Haiphong, Pakhoi, Hoihow and Fort Bayard ..... Nov. 14.
Straits ..... Nov. 14.
Calcutta and Straits ..... Nov. 14.
Air Mail by "Air France Direct Service"—Paris date, 8th November. ..... **Nov. 15.**
Japan and Shanghai ..... Nov. 15.
Manila ..... Nov. 15.
Sandakan ..... Nov. 15.
Shanghai and Amoy ..... Nov. 15.
Air Mail by "Imperial Airways Direct Service"—London date, 8th November ..... **Nov. 16.**

OUTWARD MAILS

Tuesday, Nov. 14

Air Mail for "Imperial Airways Direct Service"—due London, 22nd November.

K.P.O.

Reg. ..... Nov. 14, 5 p.m.
Ord. ..... Nov. 14, 5.30 p.m.

G.P.O.

Reg. ..... Nov. 14, 5 p.m.
Ord. ..... Nov. 14, 7 p.m.

Air Mail for Malaya, Java and Australia by "Imperial Airways Direct Service"—due Sydney, 20th November.

K.P.O.

Reg. ..... Nov. 14, 5 p.m.
Ord. ..... Nov. 14, 5.30 p.m.

G.P.O.

Reg. ..... Nov. 14, 5 p.m.
Ord. ..... Nov. 14, 7 p.m.

Air Mail for Manila, Guam, Honolulu and U.S.A., by the "Pan American Airways Direct Service"—due San Francisco, 21st November.

K.P.O.

Reg. ..... Nov. 14, 5 p.m.
Ord. ..... Nov. 14, 5.30 p.m.

G.P.O.

Reg. ..... Nov. 14, 5 p.m.
Ord. ..... Nov. 15, 7.30 a.m.

FATEFUL THREE DAYS FOR DUTCH

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the speech should be read more carefully in connection with the peace proposals, as it apparently contained much more than people apparently noticed.

Hitler In Conference

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

BERLIN, Nov. 13 (UP).—Herr Hitler received his advisors to-day.

They included Herr Goering, high Army officials and von Ribbentrop.

Hitler's special train, which was the "Fuehrer's headquarters" during the Polish campaign, is lying in a Berlin suburb in complete readiness for instant departure whenever Hitler decides to move.

Queen Wilhelmina's Efforts

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

THE HAGUE, Nov. 13 (UP).—Queen Wilhelmina continues to work day and night for peace.

Evidence of this is noticeable to the crowds outside the Royal Palace. The Queen looks well and is apparently not overburdened by the heavy task for world peace which she is carrying on her shoulders.

Ignore Rumours, Says Premier

THE HAGUE, Nov. 13 (Reuter).—The Netherlands Prime Minister broadcast this afternoon on Holland's defence measures.

Wild rumours, he said, had been circulated in Holland. These were apparently based on foreign reports and were the result of the defence measures.

He asked the Dutch people to ignore the rumours and to remember that countries at war always held the darkest views about their opponents' intentions.

Danger Admitted

Concerning the defence measures, the Dutch premier said that it was always necessary for neutral countries to adjust their military precautions in accordance with the conditions that existed.

The danger to-day, he said, was no more than it was in the early days of September.

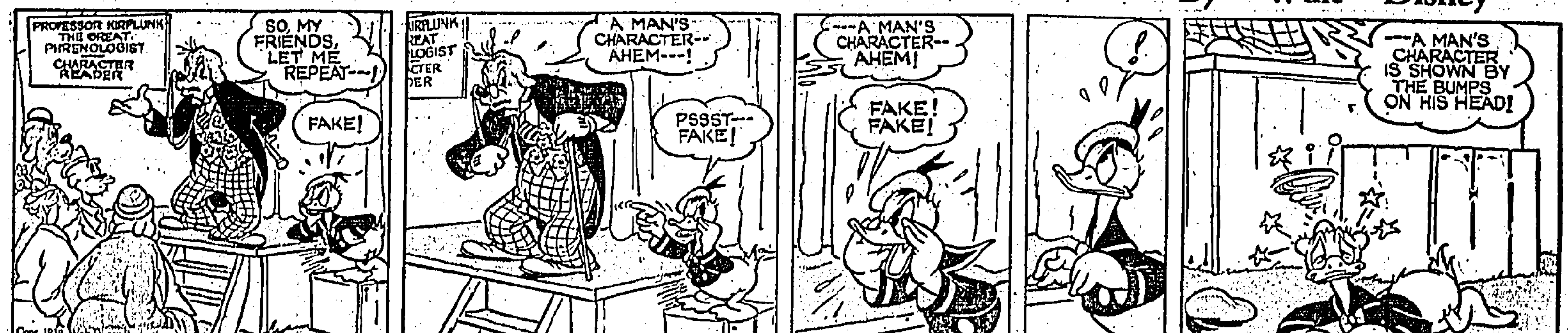
They must be prepared for all eventualities.

The Netherlands Government, he said, had not the slightest information which would shake its belief in the assurances given it by both the warring parties.

Gorman Promise

LONDON, Nov. 13 (Reuter).—The Berlin official news agency stated that Germany intended to respect the neutrality of Holland and Belgium, so long as Holland and Belgium showed themselves capable of preserving neutrality.

DONALD DUCK By Walt Disney



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STOCK MARKET REPORT

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Providents $4.10
H. & S. Hotels $4.40
Realties $4.20
Yaumati Ferries $22½
China Lights (Old) $7.60
Telephones (Old) $20½
Cements $14.80
Entertainments $8

Sellers

H.K. Banks $1,350
Realties $4½
H.K. Govt. 3½% loan $97

Sales

Unions $400
Star Ferries $61
Yaumati Ferries $22¾

Manila Gold Shares

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Baguio Gold	.15	s
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Coco Grove	.17	s
Consol. Mines	.0030	s
Demonstrations	.07½	s
I.X.L.	.38	s
Ipo Gold	.14	b
Itogons	.23	s
Mambulao	.04	b
Masbate	.08¾	s
Mind. Motherlode	.07¼	b
Mine Operation	.08½	b
North Camarines	.13	b
Paracale Gumaus	.17	s
San Mauricio	.73	s
Surigao Consol.	.16½	b
Suyoc Consol.	.12½	s
Syndicate Inv.	.020	b
United Paracales	.31	s

TWO EUROPEANS ROBBED

Mr. Austin, of 293 Prince Edward Road, was robbed of two watches and money valued at $107 by a thief who entered his home in the early hours yesterday morning by climbing on to the verandah and going into the sitting-room.

Mrs. A. E. Bates, of 7 Dorset Crescent, reported to the Police to-day, that someone entered the first floor of her home about 2 o'clock this morning and stole jewellery worth $63.

Junk Pirated By Armed Men

Armed pirates stopped a junk in Tung Chung Channel off Ti Po about 6.30 p.m. on November 12, and robbed Leung Hai-leung, 47, the master, his wife and two daughters of money and clothing valued at $77.

Leung reported the incident to the Police yesterday. He was on a passage from Ping Chau to Tung Chung when it occurred. The pirate vessel approached from the direction of Chu Lok, and the pirates, about seven in number, were armed with rifles.

Parked Too Long

C. R. Rowcliffe, of "Derrington," McDonnell Road, was fined $5 by Mr. Forrest at the Central Magistracy this morning when summoned for parking his car in Connaught Road Central beyond the limit of two hours on October 23. A representative pleaded guilty.

Pressman's Loss

Mr. W. O'Neill, of Reuter's, has reported the loss of a camera somewhere between Kai Tak Airport and No. 117 The Peak on November 8.

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	Opening	Closing
December	9.47/48	9.57/58
January	9.41/41	9.49N
March	9.30/29	9.38/38
May	9.13/13	9.20/20
July	8.86/87	8.90/90
July (New contract)	unquoted	9.10N
Spot	———	9.82N

New York Rubber

December	20.41b/45a	20.45 /45
March	18.65b/75a	18.78b/85a
May	unquoted	18.30 /30
July	17.83 /82	17.85b/87a
September	unquoted	unquoted

Total sales for the day.—730 tons.

Chicago Wheat

December	88 /88	87½/87⅝
May	86¾/86⅛	85⅞/86
July	84⅝/84⅜	84 /84⅛

Friday's sales.—20,174,000 bushels.

Chicago Corn

December	50½/50½	50⅛/50⅛
May	52¾/52⅝	52⅜/52⅜
July		53¼b

Winnipeg Wheat

December	71¼/71⅛	70⅝/8b
May	———	75⅝/75½
July	———	77b

LITHUANIA TO HELP JEWS

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

KAUNAS, Nov. 13 (Reuter).—Lithuania has agreed to grant asylum to 1,500 Jews whom the Nazis have expelled from the Suvalki district.

Lithuania has already protested to Berlin regarding the thousands of Jews driven towards the Lithuanian frontier, but has received no reply.

Stolen Car Found Abandoned

Stolen from outside No. 85 Bonham Road yesterday, a car belonging to Mr. W. P. Suen, of 5 Prospect Place, was later found abandoned on a vacant lot in Victoria Road, Kennedy Town.

A quantity of tools, valued at $176, were missing, as well as two blank cheques on the Wing On Bank.

Anglo-Soviet Talks Still Continue

LONDON, Nov. 14 (Reuter).—Anglo-Soviet trade talks, while still in the preliminary stages, are still continuing.

The British Government has now submitted a list of goods prepared for export, and this list is being studied by the Soviet Government.

Million Dollar Quake Damage

SEATTLE, Nov. 13 (UP).—The County Assessor has estimated that the earthquake damage will reach one million dollars in Seattle alone.

The quakes were felt at 25 minutes intervals and dislodged the needle on the University of Washington's seismograph.

Fine For Cruelty To Chickens

Pleading guilty to a charge of cruelty to 42 chickens by confining them in the well of a tricycle in Queen's Road East near Landale Street before Mr. Forrest at the Central Magistracy this morning, Pang Sik, 21, a stall foki, was fined $15.

KNOCKED DOWN BY TRAMCAR

Knocked down by a tramcar in Causeway Bay yesterday, Lee Kwai, 62, of 3 Wing Hing Street, was admitted into the Queen Mary Hospital, suffering from injuries to the head. His condition, it was stated, was serious.

Petrol Price Up In England

LONDON, Nov. 14 (Reuter).—The price of petrol is being increased by 1½d to-day.

The new price will be 1s 9½d per gallon, which is the highest level in 15 years.

"I Destroyed Terrifying Weapon" Says Inventor

DEATH RAY KILLED AT FOUR-MILE RANGE

As They See It Abroad

[Melbourne "Argus"

CLEVELAND, Ohio, Nov. 13 (UP).—Death "rays" may strike down millions of human beings if the European war continues, Dr. Antonio Longoria, wealthy Cleveland scientist and inventor, declared in an interview here.

Scientists generally are sceptical of so-called death-rays, which have long been a popular subject for imaginative speculation. But Dr. Longoria said he perfected an apparatus in 1933 which killed pigeons on the wing at four miles.

Later, he said, he destroyed the machine because of its inherent danger.

"It's quite possible that someone may stumble across the particular electric wave I used," said Dr. Longoria, who in 1936 sold a welding process described as "impossible" by others for a reputed $6,000,000. "I found it accidentally myself and I certainly am not proud of that discovery.

X-Ray Frequency

"The machine killed small animals and it could kill human beings just as easily. The 'ray' lies in one of the unexplored frequency bands in the vicinity of the X-ray. It kills painlessly, without burning, by changing the blood to a useless substance—as light changes silver salts in photography.

"But I don't like to talk about it, because it could wreck civilization. I'll have nothing to do with it. My hands will be clean."

Dr. Longoria first demonstrated his ray while working in California on a coloured motion picture process—which subsequently he sold to the industry. He said he took his apparatus to the top of a building there and demonstrated to a group of selected scientists that it could kill rabbits even when the animals were in a thick-walled aluminium case.

Marked Pigeons

Later, after he had returned to Cleveland, Dr. Longoria took a group of fellow-inventors to the top of his apartment-laboratory.

Giving them all field glasses, the little doctor released several marked pigeons and directed the inventors to watch them. He then prepared to give what he said would be his last demonstration of his fatal rays.

"I waited until the pigeons were out of sight of the unaided eye," the Spanish scientist said.

"Then I directed my apparatus toward the birds and caught one in the cross-hairs of the telescope which was aligned with the ray.

"It plummeted to the ground—killed instantly. I killed the other birds the same way, and when the experiment was over took my apparatus apart.

"I could assemble such a machine again, but I never shall. I have no drawings—the plans are in my head alone."

Inventions Brought Wealth

Dr. Longoria's earlier work included the development of telephone circuits making possible by measured frequencies 27 different conversations simultaneously over one pair of wires, and a process by which water may be purified electrically.

"My inventions have brought me wealth," he said. "I am interested now only in doing something to help civilization—which seems to be going backward instead of ahead. My welding ray now is an established success, and my medical work shows great progress.

"Never again will I assemble a deathray—for anyone."

In his laboratory—a vast, converted brick residence atop a cliff overlooking Lake Erie, the 50-year-old scientist works with five assistants on an electrical treatment for cancer. He is a doctor of medicine and holds two other degrees. He said other physicians have not accepted his theory of cancer treatment.

Afghan Move by Soviet Minimised by Britain

LONDON.—Whitehall authorities are undisturbed by reports of Russian troops moving toward Afghanistan.

It is true that a Russian threat to advance through Afghanistan upon India was, for a generation preceding the World War, a continual bogey to successive British Administrations in India. Indeed Whitehall's case for making India pay for maintaining as it has done a powerful army was long based almost entirely upon that possibility.

A Russian force actually reached Afghanistan in 1875. Prime Minister Gladstone prepared for war and finally the King of Denmark was called in to arbitrate the dispute.

Berlin's anti-British propaganda has seized upon this situation and much money and enterprise have been expended in Kabul where German air communications, business houses, and so-called educational institutions have been developed upon a scale quite disproportionate to the economic needs of Afghanistan. This country, although as large as France, possesses only 11,000,000 inhabitants who are mostly peasants with a characteristic Central Asian outlook.

Afghans Firm On Freedom

The Soviets of late years have been less active in Afghanistan than the Germans, but if there should now be active Russo-German co-operation against Britain then the way has been prepared for use of Russian pressure in that region.

It is regarded here as significant, however, that although in the past British relations with both Russia and Afghanistan have often been strained, nevertheless this threat has never yet become more than suppositional. In the first place the Afghans themselves are a brave and warlike people intensely determined not to submit to foreign invasion. Their young King Zahir Shah, advised as he has been by his uncles who are brothers of the late Ameer Nadir Shah, has in the six years he has been upon the Kabul throne shown himself a strong and prudent ruler. He has been determined to uphold the integrity of his country in close accord with the British whose own position behind the incredibly difficult mountain barrier separating India from Afghanistan has been made almost impregnable with permanent fortifications.

Region Of Frequent Forays

It is true that this mountain barrier is itself inhabited by independent tribesmen able to muster in all about a quarter of a million Moslem riflemen whose periodical forays into the settled districts of India on the one side of them and Afghanistan on the other have long immobilized considerable forces—Afghan as well as British—to keep them in order.

But this, while it has meant considerable burdens upon Indian and Afghan taxpayers, has been more a nuisance than a danger, since these tribesmen, difficult as they may be to control within their own borders, have been quite unqualified to face even small police forces once they enter more settled regions. It always has been possible in the past therefore to barricade them for a time if troops garrisoning their borders have had to be withdrawn for duty elsewhere.

Counteracting Propaganda

The stirring up of discontent in India by enemy propaganda among the masses is a more serious danger to British interest in the Orient. Delhi authorities often have been criticised for the inadequacy of their counter-measures in this connection.

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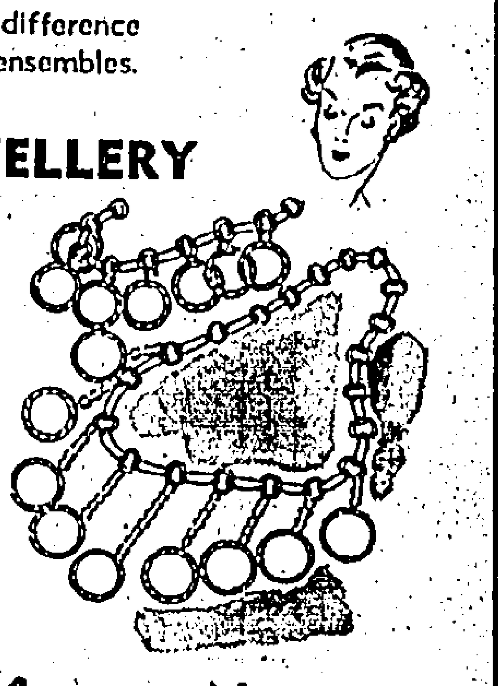

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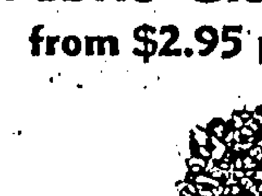

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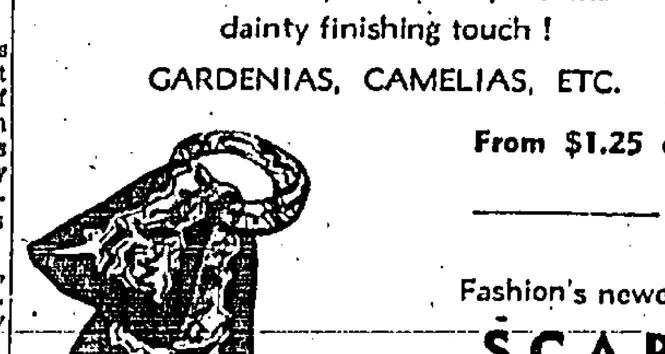

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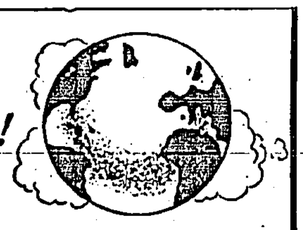

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Behind Hate's Mists

It is pleasant to learn that relatively few schools have dropped the study of German. Unreasoned and wholesale condemnation of all things "German" occurred in many parts of the world during the World War. After 1918 when travellers again began to visit Germany, they were surprised to find the Germans, as a whole, to be an enlightened, peace-loving, and lovable people.

The world should make positive distinctions between the rich German contributions to the world's treasuries of music, painting, and poetry, of scholarship, natural sciences, and inventions, and the political devices of Hitlerism.

We may easily discover whether our thought has been left sufficiently unguarded to become mesmerised by hateful concepts. A single illustration suffices. Are we looking upon "Munich" as a symbol of betrayal or do we see through the mist that has risen round this name since peace promises were made there?

If the latter, we continue to envisage one of the most beautiful and inspiring cities in the world. We continue to apprehend the ancient Bavarian capital, with its atmosphere of culture, friendliness, and enduring beauty, where Mozart first produced his "Don Giovanni" in the quaint little opera house of the Residenz, and where the Englischen Garten is a vast area of loveliness.

What's in a name? A great deal of evil at times may appear to be. But this aggressive suggestion is never defeated by permitting it to impinge upon our thinking. We may hold strong opinions on the political concepts suggested by Munich or by present expressions of Hitlerism, without letting them spoil for us the beauty and good which familiarity with things German may have provided.—*Christian Science Monitor.*

B. B. C.- WAR "NEWS"

An American journalist says . . .

Too much fuss and nonsense!

The writer of this article is a leading member of the London staff of a famous U.S. newspaper.

"HITLER'S war" has entered its second month. From the point of view of the United States it has been Hitler's war, not only because the American people believe Hitler started it, but because from the point of view of the American Press Hitler has "stolen the front page."

He has done that partly because the war in the East has been the big news in the first month, also because the United States correspondents—and at the outbreak London was full of them—have not been able to do what their colleagues in Germany have done.

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That is to say, while American correspondents have been in the front lines in Poland and watched the war themselves American correspondents in London have not been able to send eye-witness accounts of the British effort "of their own knowledge."

The Ministry of Information has two functions. The first is to supply official news; the second is to see that no information of aid to the enemy is spread.

As far as American correspondents are concerned, its work during the first month of the war in both these fields has been unsatisfactory. There are exceptions and notable ones and there are definite signs of improvement, but on the whole the United States Press corps in London has had nothing but headaches from this huge organisation.

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In the first field of action the Ministry immediately clamped down on the possibility of American correspondents getting the news as they like to get it—at first hand.

It has always been difficult for American newspapermen in London to go, as they are accustomed to go at home, straight to the source. The Ministry came along and passed a departmental order barring newspapermen from every Government building except its own, and barring conversation with every Government official except under the Ministry's egis.

At the beginning the Ministry took to passing out information itself. Take the case of the British raid on the Kiel Canal. It was one of the best stories of the war. But it was put out nine days late and then put out in the form of a tinned interview, obtained by the Ministry, mimeographed and distributed by the Ministry. Instead of acting as a channel between the Press and the proper Government Department—in this case the R.A.F.—the Ministry acted as an instrumentality itself.

The story was ignored in New York.

True, there are signs that the Ministry is reversing this procedure. It is becoming under Lord Macmillan more of a post office and less of a department in itself. But it will require long and careful work before the reform is fully complete.

American and English correspondents are still, after being told that their preparations were urgent, waiting to go to the front, waiting to see the British effort in the war at first hand.

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In many cases, of course, notably that of the Foreign Office, the Ministry has functioned splendidly. But it has done so only because the experienced Foreign Office Press officers have moved there and they work as they always did with the affection and confidence of most of the American Press.

On the censorship side, the picture is even worse.

One day last week the Ministry, in pursuit of its new policy of trying to let correspondents see for themselves, took a group on a tour of an R.A.F. station.

One American correspondent wrote a careful story based on information given him by R.A.F. officers during the tour.

Early in the morning the censor rang up to say that great chunks of it must come out. It was pointed out that all the information had been gathered under the Ministry's supervision, but the censor was adamant.

At six o'clock the following afternoon the Chief Censor's office called up and said that they had reconsidered and the deleted paragraphs could now be sent. They were told somewhat heatedly that the correspondent in question was working for a daily, not a weekly paper.

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This is typical of the manner in which the subordinate censors continually cut or delay stories to the despair of the correspondent. He takes the case to the top, to find, as he suspected, that he was right and the censor was wrong. But it is usually too late.

All the careful writing and pruning so as not to give away secrets is useless. And there is no redress. The correspondent cannot see the censor face to face. He must remain a voice on the telephone.

The American correspondents do not want to violate military rules or give away secrets. They want no lives on their consciences. Their plea is in reality a simple one. Subject to overriding considerations of human safety, let them do the job for which they are hired and trained. Let them cover one of the greatest stories of modern times—Britain at war.

They do not want to take sides. Britain is leaving her cause to the judgment of the world. But she is needlessly hindering the distribution of the facts on which the world must base its judgment.

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"Remind me when it's 4.30—I promised to meet the wife at 2 and she'll be sore if I'm not there when she arrives!"

THREE GERMANS

THE three Germans I am thinking of all lived in South America, but they were all true Germans. And I think that on a small scale they represent the Germany of to-day.

The first I met when I was taken seriously ill in the interior of Brazil. The first house I reached was the home of the Simple German. Hans, he was called, took me in and gave me the only decent bed in the log and mud cabin. He gave me some strong spirits to drink, and then set off, on foot, to get the doctor from the nearest village. The village was twenty miles distant.

When the doctor came and suggested that I might have to stay in bed for some time Hans showed nothing but goodwill. He and his wife gave me every possible attention—and any attention at all was not so easy in that primitive home in the backwoods. When water was required he had to carry it half a mile. He had to get his supplies from the village twenty miles away, and usually there was no means of transport. But he supplied me with all reasonable needs, and soon I was eating Sauerkraut and drinking beer from an old-fashioned beer mug.

When I was better he refused all payment, and said he had done nothing. He was a great big, red-faced, boisterously cheerful Simple German. And as good a man as any.

The Mystic:

The second was an artist. He had a studio in Buenos Aires, and painted commercial posters for a living. But the pictures he painted in his spare time were a bit incomprehensible to me. For he was the Mystic German.

He painted great canvases of most fantastic designs. The colours were beautiful, but usually I could make nothing of the pattern. I remember one however, which he called "Metropolis," and I saw something in that. There was a suggestion of the noise and bustle and ruthlessness and wealth and poverty which somehow or other meant something to me. No doubt his other pictures, too, meant something.

But the Mystic German is hard to understand. He had a kind heart, and in his more human moments had a quaint sense of humour. He drew the first caricature of Hitler I ever saw and the main feature was a whitewash brush. The Mystic German at that time did not approve of the Austrian "Dummkopf."

The Great German

I met the third German many times. He visited a house where I also called often. He was the Great German, and was forever boasting of the German superiority. I remember one day a number of us were having lunch together, and some of the party were eating frogs. I inquired, in all innocence, if frogs were eaten in Germany. To my amazement the Great German turned on me in a fury.

"I have you understand," he shouted, "that Germany is a great country, respected by all. Of course we eat frogs!"

I did manage to say that I hardly saw the connection between frog-eating and greatness, but the man's tremendous aggressiveness and his complete lack of humour staggered me.

I have another memory of the Great German. He owned a shop in Brazil, and his stock in trade was firearms. He took a great pride in his beautiful array of rifles, revolvers, pistols, and whatnot. Then one day there was a riot in the town, and the mob broke into his shop and took what they needed to defend them-

PLEASE Turn To Page 5.

Judgment Reserved In Appeals Court Case

COUNSEL ON CHINA'S LEGAL SOVEREIGNTY

SUBMISSIONS that the laws of a State which created a company could also destroy it, even though its headquarters were situated in territory now occupied by the enemy, and that a government, not recognised as *de facto*, was nothing but a usurping government, were made by Mr. Eldon Potter, K.C., at the Full Court this morning, when hearing of the appeal brought by some of the contributory shareholders of the Ching Kee Steam Navigation Co., Ltd., was continued before Mr. Justice R. E. Lindsell and Mr. Justice J. A. Fraser.

The appeal, which is against a decision of the Chief Justice, Sir Atholl MacGregor, ordering the Hongkong branch of the Company to be wound up, is brought by: Hsu Chin-tang (4,394 shares), Hsu Teh-yen (3,754), Cheng Teh-chun (2,502), Kuo Yung-tong (2,044), Kao Cheng-chang (1,584), Yu Weh-ting (1,420), Yu Wei-fan (1,000), Li Yu-hsiang (70), Cheng Pen-ching (6,377), Cheng Chung-yu (6,176), Chang Chi-yu (5,023), Chang Pen-fah (5,420), Chang Hsin-teh (4,636), Chang Ming-teh (4,500) and the Dairen Kishen Kaisha, who are creditors to the amount of $47,157.32. All of them are of Dairen.

Mr. H. G. Sheldon, K.C., and the Hon. Mr. Leo D'Almada, Jnr., instructed by Mr. H. J. Armstrong, of Deacons, are for the appellants. Mr. Potter and Mr. H. C. Macnamara, instructed by Mr. D. L. Strellett, of Geo. K. Hall Bruton and Co., represent the Shiang Kee, otherwise known as the China Merchants Steam Navigation Co., Ltd., one of the shareholders and on whose petition the winding-up order was made.

Arguments Continued.

Continuing his arguments from the previous hearing, Mr. Potter submitted that according to the international law text-books it was clear that military occupation could not imperil the sovereignty of the State which was invaded, although redress might be temporarily postponed. The law of the State which created the corporation could also annul it. If this could not be done in Chefoo, where the headquarters of the company were situated, there were other courts in the republic of China which could do it.

"We are told," went on Counsel, "that the law of China no longer governs this company, but have we been told what other law covers it beyond the statement of the law of the conqueror? One of the difficulties which this Court will have to face is that there is not a scintilla of evidence of another competent court of law.

"Assuming that the Ching Kee became an alien enemy according to the law of China of which we have no evidence at all, then it will become obvious that it is an impossible argument to say that the Chinese Government, which brought it into existence, could not put an end to it. Mere occupation does not turn the company into an alien enemy.

Shantung's Status

"Another argument put forward by the other side is that the sovereignty of China, so far as the Shantung Province is concerned, is gone. That I challenge absolutely. I submit that the true position with regard to the company is as follows: This is a company incorporated by the law of China and not incorporated in Chefoo, and that this being so the Republic of China could also annul its creation. I don't care where its headquarters are, and nothing can deprive that right of China except the creation, either by insurrection of the inhabitants or conquest by an invader, of a new State which is recognised by His Majesty's Government.

"If that is not the true position, then you will find yourselves in this extraordinary position: Although His Majesty's Government refused to recognise the existence of a certain government, yet the Court, despite that, would be prepared to recognise that Government as being the effective government, and whose laws control individuals and corporations in certain territories. Such a state of affairs is impossible. The determining factor in every case is recognition by His Majesty."

After quoting authorities in support of his contention that the will of the sovereign authority which created the company could also destroy it, Counsel asked: "What was the sovereign authority in all material times as far as this company is concerned? The answer is that it is the sovereign recognised by His Majesty the King, and therefore you must take judicial notice of the Republic of China without exception whatsoever. If that position is challenged, the way to ascertain the answer is by application to the Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs through the Colonial Secretary. Once he said he recognised the Chinese Government, that is decisive so far as this Court is concerned, otherwise you will have this impossible position: Your Lordships recognising one government and our authorities another."

Poland's Plight Cited

Continuing, Counsel said mention had been made of Poland by Mr. Sheldon, who stated that the German occupation of that country had been refused recognition. "Does he suggest for a moment that at the present time, the British Court could recognise the German Government as being the *de facto* government of Poland? The Polish Government is still recognised, and though as a fact there is complete occupation of that unhappy country both by Germany and Russia, that does not mean that any British Court would recognise that the *de facto* government of Poland is Germany in one case and Russia the other. No doubt, the power of the sovereign in Poland would be suspended because it is not in a position to effectively enforce its laws, but that is totally different with China as she is still in a position to do so. Unless your Lordships come to the conclusion that there is another effective governing body in control of the Shantung Province . . . .

Mr. Justice Fraser: You have no objection if we make inquiries as to that?

Mr. Potter: Certainly not. It is military occupation and no more, but I will welcome any application your Lordship may choose to make to the Colonial Secretary and the question will be this: What Government is recognised by His Majesty the King as the sovereign power in China? I have not the slightest objection to that inquiry being made. The only government recognised is the Republic of China.

Mr. Justice Lindsell: I think you took my brother too seriously.

"Only China's Laws Apply"

Mr. Potter: I am sorry. I do not wish to take it too seriously but it is a serious matter. I think it is of vital importance not only to this company but also on the position in international law.

Counsel then went on to submit that the only laws to apply in a case like this were those of China, because it was the only recognised government in China, and the laws were not abrogated by hostile occupation. The appellants might say they did not question the sovereignty of China, but this they could not do because the only law which could wind up a company was that of the sovereign State.

It could not be suggested that mere hostile occupation could affect the law in any shape or form and short of recognition it was nothing but a usurping government so far as the Court was concerned.

The Government which was recognised as the *de facto* and *de jure* government in China was the Republic of China and therefore the Company was governed by its laws.

It had been argued that in this case the Republic of China had no jurisdiction because the company's headquarters were in Chefoo, which was occupied by the enemy. This argument was entirely fallacious, the fallacy being that it could not be attributed to an invader the effect of a *de facto* government. There was only one law which controlled the company and that was the law under which it was incorporated. The Court was bound by the acts of the Government which His Majesty recognised as *de facto*.

Three Chief Grounds

Proceeding Mr. Potter said: Your Lordships know that we had three grounds on which we relied when we made the application for this winding up order. The first was that a winding up order had been made by a court of competent jurisdiction in China and that having been made, the power of this company ceased and therefore, as a matter of course the branch in Hongkong must be wound up. The second point was that in fact it has ceased to carry on business in the Colony, and thirdly that it is just and equitable for the reasons given to say that it cannot carry on business because the sub stratum of the company has gone.

After citing authorities, Mr. Potter submitted that it was impossible for a branch to carry on where the company itself had been wound up. There was, he said, not a single authority in the books where the parent branch had been dissolved and a branch existed.

On the point that the company had ceased to carry on business in the Colony, Mr. Potter said: The proved position is this: that in fact no vessel flying the Chinese flag can leave the harbour of Hongkong without risk of confiscation by the vessels of the Imperial Japanese Navy. Any ship flying the Chinese flag is liable to be seized.

"Nothing But Empty Shell"

"In addition we have the admitted fact that the whole of the staff of this company has left. At the office there is nothing more than an empty shell. Even the man who went there to serve the process had to leave it on a table. The company, in fact, has ceased to do business. There is nobody there.

"It was only on February 1, 1939, that the D.K.K. came into existence. For a considerable period, in fact from the beginning of hostilities, this branch had done no business at all. In these circumstances why His Lordship should not have jurisdiction to wind up the company I cannot see.

"The only business done was to hire one of the vessels as a hulk, and even then when they came to pay for this there was nobody to receive the money. Under such circumstances why should not the judge find as a fact that this company has ceased to do business? He could not do otherwise, my Lords. That is not bringing into the picture anything about China."

After Mr. Sheldon had replied briefly, judgment was reserved.

Gestapo Report

LONDON, Nov. 14 (Reuter).—It is reported from Berlin that the Gestapo has presented a full report on their investigations into the Munich bomb explosion to the Minister of Justice.

The "Paris Soir" says that for the first time the German Police have found themselves faced by an opposition to the regime which is ready to strike, and they are now engaged in arresting anyone who might be regarded as in the least potentially dangerous.

Reports From China War Front

Bitter Fighting Rages

Sharp fighting occurred in the Kongmoon sector last Saturday when 400 Japanese troops from the city invaded Wongchuen and Sheunglung.

Chinese troops stationed at these two points put up stiff resistance, says a "Central News" message.

It is reported from Shensi that Chinese forces started a co-ordinated counter-offensive at Siangning last Saturday evening. Intense fighting is still raging in the outskirts.

A number of strategic points around the town, including Shihlipu, Yochinyuan, Liuchiayuan and Nanyuan have been recaptured.

Japanese Surrounded

Dislodged from their outer defences, the Japanese have withdrawn inside the walled city. A detachment of them attempted to break through the Chinese cordon on Sunday night but was surrounded and sustained heavy losses.

Meanwhile other Chinese units have commenced counter-attacks on Newwangmiao and Yitaitow, between Siangning and Puhsien.

On the Changsha front, Chinese guerillas broke into Linsiang, 29 miles northeast of Yoyang on the Canton-Hankow Railway, on the night of November 11. They set fire to the Japanese ammunition depot, and damaged railway bridges and telephone wires.

Other guerillas are reported to have had a chance encounter with a Japanese unit at Watangpu; a point near Linsiang. The Japanese were defeated and retreated to Yanglowsze and Yoyang.

Robbery Plot Nipped In The Bud

Police Break Up Gang In Divan

With the idea of coming to Hongkong to find a suitable place to commit an armed robbery, four men were arrested in an opium divan as a result of information received, and charged this morning before Mr. Himsworth at the Kowloon Magistracy with conspiracy to commit armed robbery.

The men were Au Kan-tin, 35, Chan Hing, 44, Chan Mung, 23, and Chan Kuen, 20, all of whom are natives of Un Long.

Pleading guilty to the charge, the defendants were each sentenced to six months' hard labour.

The first and second defendants were remanded a week when charges of possession of two revolvers and nine rounds of ammunition will be preferred against them.

THREE GERMANS

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selves from the police. The shop was wrecked in the process.

And the Great German wept over the ruin. Yes, I saw him, myself, blubbering like a great big child over his disordered armaments. And he whined about his losses.

In the Germany of to-day the Great German dominates. He will talk big and act ruthlessly and has completely dominated the Simple German and the Mystic German. But when the time comes for his beautiful armament shop to be wrecked he will whine and whine. And no doubt the Simple German and the Mystic German will pay, for his losses.

Miller Watson

Several Women Victims Of Handbag Snatchers

Several women residents were victims of handbag snatchers in the Colony's streets yesterday.

Mrs. Blakeney, of 30 Wyndham Street, was walking in Tin Lok Lane, Wanchai, when a man snatched her handbag, containing money and articles to the value of $47.

Miss C. E. Remedios, of 589 Nathan Road, suffered a similar fate in Nathan Road near Man Ming Lane. Her handbag contained articles to the value of $29.

Mrs. Lee, of 779 Nathan Road, was robbed of her handbag and contents valued at $52 in Shanghai Street near Mongkok Road.

"Be It Ever So Humble—But It Is Doubtful Whether—

"Under The Staircase At 44 Tai Nam St." Can Be Called Home

A STORY revealing the terrible poverty existing in Hongkong was told in the Kowloon Magistracy this morning, when a widow, Pun Ho, 45, whose address was given as "under the staircase of No. 44 Tai Nam Street, Shamshuipo," appeared before Mr. Macfadyen on a charge of failing to give notice to the Authorities of possession of a ward.

Defendant said she did not know the regulations.

Mr. H. W. Fraser, Secretariat for Chinese Affairs, said the mother of the child was sent to the S.C.A., by the Water Police on November 10 after having tried to commit suicide on November 5 by jumping from the ferry Man Chi. From enquiries made, it was found that she had given defendant her two months' old child for 20 cents lucky money.

The child's father was a waiter, and earned very little money.

Has Three Grown Sons

Defendant has been living in Hongkong for 20 years, and has three sons, 23, 25 and 27, but their present whereabouts are unknown. She has been living under the staircase most of this year, as she was unable to pay rent, said Mr. Fraser.

Defendant said she was looking after the baby temporarily while its mother looked for work, but later admitted she had originally taken the child as an adopted daughter.

Defendant was remanded until to-morrow on bail of $10.

Munich Plot Sequel

Gestapo Now Arresting Each Other

LONDON, Nov. 13 (Reuter).—Reports from neutral sources indicate that the Gestapo is maintaining its mass arrests following the Munich bombing.

The Gestapo seems to be using the bombing as an excuse to arrest Germans with property and those who might be potential dangers to the Nazis.

The Gestapo claims to have traced portions of the bomb mechanism to two firms which manufacture such clockwork.

According to the German "Freedom" station, however, the Gestapo itself is far from comfortable.

Gestapo Men Arrested

Members of the Gestapo, reports the station, are accusing one another of complicity and several Gestapomen have been arrested. One Gestapoman is reported as saying: "It is exactly like that which prevailed on the eve of the blood purge of June, 1934."

All information about Hitler's movements are now kept secret.

For instance, his personal flag was flown above the Chancellery when it was known for a fact that he was in Munich at the time.

Sarcastic B.B.C. Commentary

LONDON, Nov. 13 (Reuter).—In a talk from Daventry to-night, a British journalist who had been in Germany for the past 18 years, spoke about the Munich bombing.

The German propaganda machine, he said, is trying to trace some connection between Mr. Chamberlain's gout and the bombing—although whether the gout was brought on by excitement while awaiting the result of the wicked plot or disappointment at the failure of the British Secret Service to "get" Hitler is not made clear.

The Nazi propaganda machine also compares Henry II's "Will none rid me of this fellow?" which resulted in the death hundreds of years ago of Thomas a'Beckett, with Mr. Chamberlain's "We must get rid of Hitlerism," which, it is suggested, set off his faithful agents to start the bomb outrage.

But They Don't Believe It

It is very obvious that the Nazis do not believe in this themselves by the way they are carrying out mass arrests of Germans.

But neither Jews, Catholics, Monarchists or Communists—all of whom might have justification for bitter feelings against Hitler and his cohorts—would have perpetrated such an outrage.

On the other hand, it might have been perpetrated by those Nazis who are malcontents, or who find themselves unable to reconcile themselves with the pact with Moscow.

It is also suggested that it was a second "Reichstag fire," that is, that it was perpetrated by the Gestapo itself.

Contraband Control Improvement

Delay To Ships Is Decreasing

LONDON, Nov. 13 (British Wireless).—It was stated in London to-day that delay to ships at British Contraband Control bases is steadily decreasing.

Naturally there are now fewer ships carrying cargoes loaded before the war, and shipping of all kinds is responding to advice to send advance manifests to the Ministry of Economic Warfare.

Where this procedure is followed it is only necessary to check the cargo against the manifest, and often the delay is no longer than one day.

Little Foodstuff Seized

The difference between absolute and conditional contraband has almost disappeared because a great many materials can be used either for military or civil purposes at option. For instance, during the last war when milk was scarcely interfered with, German children were deprived of milk in order to provide the German army with nitroglycerine.

In fact, up to the end of October, only 16.8 per cent. of seized cargoes were foodstuffs, and these consisted mainly of fats and other edibles easily convertible into specifically military materials.

Neutrals Suffer

Ultimate decision whether cargo is contraband rests with the Prize Court which is not subject to executive control, but administers the well-known rules of International Law.

Holland and Belgium suffered acutely from the shipping delay in the early days of the war because their seaports were natural gateways to Germany. But delays are now very considerably less.

LONDON, Nov. 14 (Reuter).—Air Marshal Sir Robert Brooke-Popham, former Governor of Kenya Colony, has arrived in Montreal to take up important duties in connection with the Empire Air Training Scheme.

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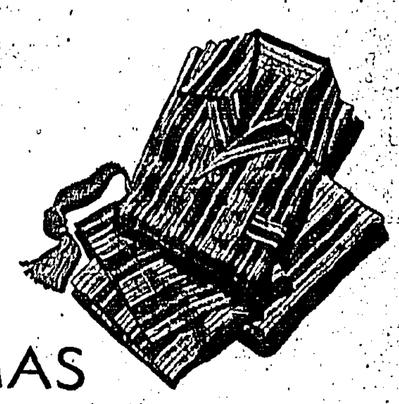

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"R. Abbit's" Cricket Comments

EXCELLENT GAME ON CLUB GROUND

Civil Service C.C. Win: Richardson and Pearce In Fine Batting Form

CONTRARY to my expectation, there was an excellent day's cricket on Saturday last, although there were several absentees in Camp.

The whole day match against the Civil Service at the H.K.C.C. ground was a most successful affair, though I think there were three members of the second eleven included in the Club side. T. E. Pearce made a welcome reappearance, and batted in his usual excellent style.

AS neither Ride nor Kilbee had been able to get away early Alec Pearce went in first, and the family partnership was most successful as the half-century was hoisted without loss. At 56, however, Alec Pearce played to glance a ball on the leg side, and was taken at the wicket. It is probable that it actually touched his pads and not his bat—the fielders on the leg side thought him not out—but it is one of the most difficult of decisions. In the straightforward catch at the wicket the umpire can—and must—rely upon deflection more than sound. But on the leg side deflection may come either from bat or pads.

Pearce had played watchful and excellent cricket, as he is not used to going in first, and had restrained his game a bit. I heard it said it was better cricket than the first fifty of his century the week before.

A COLLAPSE

THEN came trouble, for Ilsley failed, and T. E. Pearce got a really good one from Fenton which pitched on the blind spot and bowled him. Three wickets had thus fallen at 56. John Pearce held up an end, but Ride could not get the ball away, and was yorked in trying to open up.

Then came a stand between John Pearce and Kilbee who both got into the twenties, and the latter saw the hundred up when joined by Bosanquet, who was batting under difficulties with a heavily strapped thumb. But 103 for six wickets in an hour and a half was none too good in view of the excellent start, and the Civil Service, whose bowlers had done nobly, backed up by good and alert fielding, came in to tiffin in good heart.

After lunch the game was resumed at 2.05 and Bosanquet and Parsons faced McLellan and Perry. After two singles came from McLellan's first over, Parsons mistimed Perry and lifted the ball to McLellan at mid-off (103-7-2).

INTERESTING POSITION

CHARLTON succeeded and played out the over, and the position was interesting as Bosanquet—a sound bat—was there though handicapped by injury, and the two last to come, Robb and Fox, were both forcing batsmen who might or might not crack up a quick twenty or so. Charlton did not last long as he got inside one of Perry's, and was smartly taken in the gully by Whitley off a quick chance (110-8-1).

J. H. Fox succeeded and hit Perry to mid-wicket with a pulled shot for four, but he skied the last ball of the over and McLellan made a very good catch running back—one of the more difficult type of catches as it was spinning a lot. (114-9-4.)

The batsmen had crossed, and Robb played back to McLellan's first ball which kicked a bit. It went up towards short leg, and Fortescue dashed out from behind the sticks and took the catch, (114-10-0), and the last four wickets had fallen in 10 minutes for eleven runs.

CIVIL SERVICE BAT

FORTESCUE and Richardson opened the innings, at 2.37. Ilsley started the bowling from the Naval Yard, and Richardson put his second ball behind point for a couple. The third kicked, but the fourth, a full toss, landed on the canopy of the Ladies' tent at square leg, and the sixth went to long leg for four, a beautiful shot. The eighth was glanced to fine leg—I thought it had hit his pads—and Richardson had taken 14 off the first over.

T. A. Pearce bowled at the Law Court end. He was obviously turning the ball from the off quite a lot, and Fortescue only managed a single in the covers. He sent Ilsley's first ball, however, to long leg for four. A single sent 20 up.

RUNS BEGIN TO COME

IN T. A. Pearce's next over he was obviously turning a lot, and, after Fortescue had taken a four between extra and mid-off from a full toss, Richardson snicked a single round to long leg, and the bowler brought his extra cover to forward short leg, moving Ride to the backward position. Fortescue, however, managed to secure two more fours around mid-off, one lifted a bit.

ROBB KEEPS A LENGTH

ROBB went on for Ilsley, and Richardson glanced a couple to fine leg, and put a short one to long leg for four to send up forty. Next over T. A. Pearce bowled to Richardson with two forward short legs, and the batsman did not seem at all comfortable. However, he got a single, and Pearce pulled up mid-on, and shifted a forward to backward leg. But the response was a four through the covers.

Richardson sent up fifty in 25 minutes with a hook. It looked as if Robb was bowling leg breaks a good deal slower than I recollect his doing in the past, but he struck an excellent length.

A NARROW ESCAPE

JUST then the Club should have had a wicket as Richardson turned one to leg straight to a man. He never moved and said 'no,' but Fortescue galloped down the pitch. A poor return which the bowler could not quite get hold of alone saved him. However, after a single and a fine crack to extra cover for four by Fortescue, the latter hooked wildly at a shorter one from Robb and was bowled (55-1-27).

In his score the retiring batsman had six fours. I think he has not quite got the light yet for he had played several hooks before, and missed the ball altogether. He will have to watch those shots more closely, as the ball comes off at varying heights here much more than at Home.

MORE TROUBLE

PERRY came in and the score rose slowly to 69, when Richardson hit one hard from Robb into the covers, and a brilliant bit of fielding by Alec Pearce sent the ball in by the bails, and Fox made no mistake, and Perry was palpably out. He is, admittedly, a little slow between the wickets, but, to Alec Pearce, the run should not have been attempted.

Colledge came in and scored a couple of singles, but then fell into Alec Pearce's leg trap and turned the ball tamely into John Pearce's hands at short leg.

Richardson felt he must do something about it, and hooked Robb for four, put Pearce through the covers for four, and hooked him for a similar number. A two in the gully and a four to extra made a most useful 14 of the over, and 90 went up. He pulled Robb for a four to long on next over.

RUNS ARE HIT OFF

JOHN Pearce then relieved his brother at the Law Courts end. McLellan banged a short one to the long leg boundary, but propped one up to be c. & b. three balls later. (99-4-5). Paterson came in, and Alec Pearce came to silly mid off, but the batsman hooked the first ball to the square leg boundary and the hundred went up. Singles followed and Richardson hit John Pearce through the covers for four to send up 110. A snick for four through the slips, his first bad shot, tied the game, and a single in the covers gave Civil Service the victory by six wickets.

Just afterwards, Paterson was magnificently caught by T. A. Pearce at silly mid-off off a hard chance that never was more than a foot above the ground.

C.S.C.C. BAT ON

RICHARDSON continued until he was caught on the boundary by Parsons off a lofty drive—a good catch and a splendid innings. Hollidge, one of the youngest members of the side batted in very good form for 26, and the score was declared at 178 for nine—there were no extras!—to let the Club have a knock again. I gather they got about 130 for three—both Ride and Kilbee getting going in the forties and fifties, but by that time I was down at Craigengower.

Indians Save Game

CRAIGENGOWER, in spite of their losses, have set about pulling their side together, and they certainly gave a very good performance to run up 169 for 8 declared against the I.R.C., who are still without A. R. Minu. I was glad to see that H. P. Lim turned out again for Craigengower and got 17. I think it must be ten years or perhaps a little less, since he captained a very useful first eleven.

The first six men all got double figures, but the real stand was between G. Souza (48) and E. A. Lee (39). I am glad to see that Souza is getting into form again. A. H. Madar bore the brunt of the bowling, and took 5 for 39 in eleven overs, by no means a bad performance. The only other bowler to do anything was Bakar, but his three wickets were rather expensive.

The Indians started disastrously as Y. el Arculli was taken before a run had been scored. Nazarin and M. P. Madar considerably improved things, and they were very hard on Billimoria's first over before he found his lengths. After scoring 16, the former batsman was run out, backward leg throwing down his wicket when a sharp run was being attempted. Things looked serious, but A. H. Madar, as usual, settled down and

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The Rest football team which beat the United Services on Sunday. Included in the picture are Mr. W. E. Hollands (manager), Mr. Stokes (referee) and the linesmen. The team: (backrow—left to right) Leung Wing-chiu, Lee Tin-sang, Cheung Wing-choi, Hsu King-seng, Blackburn, Williamson; (front row) Fowler, Fung King-cheung Lee Wai-tong, A. V. Gosano and Hau Ching-to.—*Mee Cheung.*

Megan Taylor Turns Ice Professional

SYDNEY, Nov. 13 (Reuter).—Miss Megan Taylor, English holder of the women's world figure-skating championship, has turned professional, according to her father, with whom she is co-starring in an ice review.

Miss Taylor will later tour America, from where she has received an offer of £300 weekly.

Basketball

Colony Girls Win By Last Minute Goal

MANILA, Nov. 13 (UP).—A last minute goal by Diana Chen captain of the Hongkong girls' basketball team, nosed out Manila's Chinese Y.W.C.A. team by 18 to 17 in the most exciting game of the Hongkong-Manila series so far.

Scores by quarter were Hongkong 6-4, Hongkong 11-10, Hongkong 12-14. Diana Chen scored eight points for Hongkong and Lau Shun-yee four.

Hongkong meets the Manila champion Anglo-Chinese team on Thursday.

Hockey Incident Probed

H.K.F.A. Team For Governor's Cup

The following have been chosen to represent the Hongkong Football Association against the Chinese Amateur Athletic Federation in the first round of the Governor's Cup to be played on Sunday November 19, on the Navy Ground at 3.30 p.m.

Robinson (R.N.); Hendy (R.N.), Sheehan (Midd.); Wilkinson (Midd.), Williamson (Kowloon), Coles (R.N.); Fowler (Club), Gosano (St. Joseph's) Captain, Hossack (R.S.), Thoburn (R.N.) and Middleton (R.N.). Reserves.—Drake (Midd.), Blackburn (Police), Bright (Midd.), Honniball (St. Joseph's), Ferrier (Police), and Gordon (R.S.).

Team manager, Inspector A. Kirby.

The Chinese A.A.F., will select their team to-day.

Football

Chinese Win Charity Game In S'hai

SHANGHAI, Nov. 13 (UP).—Before the biggest crowd seen in a soccer game in the last three years, a Chinese team narrowly defeated a combined British and French team by four goals to three at the Canidrome this afternoon.

A crowd which was estimated at nearly 20,000 completely packed the spacious stands and overflowed the field.

The proceeds of the match will go in the proportion of one-third each to the British War Fund, French War Fund and Chinese Refugee Relief.

The Anglo-French side included six British Services players.

Apology To Be Sent To The Umpire

AN ENQUIRY into the recent hockey incident which led to the abandonment of the D.G.S.-Recreio "B" match was held yesterday at a meeting of the Hongkong Ladies Hockey Association.

The inquiry yesterday found that the Schoolgirls were to blame for disputing the decisions of one of the umpires, although it was at Recreio's suggestion that Mr. Gonsalves, one of the officiating umpires, decided to abandon the game.

The Diocesan Girls School were warned that repetition of a similar incident in the future would entail suspension for the rest of the season.

The inquiry suggested that in future either the gym mistress or one of the school's mistresses be present at the League games.

LETTER OF APOLOGY

The captain of the D.G.S. team said she would write a letter of apology to Mr. J. Gonsalves.

The Council of the Association decided to co-opt the gym mistresses of the D.G.S. and C.B.S. to the Council ex-officio, with no power to vote.

The first League matches of the season will be held on Saturday when Central British Association will entertain "Y" in the Caer Clark Cup League at 3 p.m., while "Y" Juniors will be at home to Central British Association, also at 3 p.m.

Adamson Cup Qualifiers

Returning a card of 76—13=63, G. W. Reeve qualified for the Adamson Cup in the November qualifying round at Happy Valley over the past week-end.

Other scores were T. J. Price 74-9=65; Lt. Col. E. D. Matthews 78-12=66 and W. Ahern 77-9=68.

Football Pools

Correspondence Too Heavy For Present Conditions

THE POSTMASTER-GENERAL, Major G. C. Tryon, received a deputation from the Football Pools Promoters' Association, a little while ago, and informed them of the Government's decision that, in view of the strain already thrown on the Post Office by the war, the Government is of an opinion that the further burden involved in the resumption of pool transactions cannot be justified in present circumstances.

Ten million people are commonly estimated to have taken part regularly in football and other pool betting. It was estimated by the Postmaster-General in April that the Post Office derived £3,367,411 from football pool business in 1937-38. The annual turnover was estimated just over a year ago at £40,000,000, and it has been stated that 25,000 people were directly employed in the industry.

An official of the Union of Post Office Workers expressed great satisfaction at the Postmaster-General's decision.

GOLF AVERAGES

S. L. King Heads 1939 List With 72.87

S. L. King, a Ryder Cup player, of Knole Park, Sevenoaks, heads the list of averages with 72.87 for the season which came to a close at the beginning of the war.

The averages are based on the five major stroke tournaments, including the Open championship, with a minimum of 12 out of a maximum of 20 rounds. King's 16 rounds do not include the remarkable score of 133 (68 and 65) for his two rounds in the qualifying test for the match-play championship at Sundridge Park.

Owing to the season's curtailment the prize money amounted to £9,300 as against £13,000 last year. Following King in order of merit are:

R. A. Whitcombe, 73.00; Henry Cotton & Padgham, 73.25 each; C. A. Whitcombe, 73.28; R. Burton, the Open champion, 73.43; W. J. Cox, 73.71; W. J. Branch, 73.94; D. J. Rees, 74.06; B. Gadd, 74.08; J. Adams, 74.1; J. Fallon, 74.11; M. Faulkner, 74.17; A. Perry, 74.18; T. Collinge, 74.21; W. Shankland, 74.28; P. Allies, 74.33; A. Lees, 74.35; C. S. Denny, 74.5; S. A. Easterbrook, 74.9; E. E. Whitcombe, 74.92; G. Johnson, 74.93; C. H. Ward, 74.95, & A. J. Lacey, 75.00.

SPORT ADVTS.

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LONDON, Nov. 13 (Reuter).—The German "Freedom" station declared:

"The Nazi regime must perish so that Germany can live again.

"A system which has murdered General von Fritsch and daily is murdering thousands of Germany's finest men; a system which sends hundreds of thousands to be slaughtered on the battlefield, has no right to live."

Increase In Unemployed

Labour Minister's Warning

LONDON, Nov. 13 (Reuter).—A special commentary issued to-day states:

The British Labour Minister, discussing the British employment situation, points out that a temporary increase in unemployment is inevitable owing to the changeover from peace to war.

The increase is less than in 1914 although the changeover was more rapid, and the total population between the ages of 16 and 64 is five and a half millions greater than in 1914.

Demand For Labour Soon

The rapid rise in the demand for labour for war purposes is expected shortly.

The Labour Minister emphasises the immense importance of a free organisation of employers and the work people.

Employers and the work people sometimes have differences, but when they have hammered out the points at issue and have reached an agreement, they go to work with a will that is far more effective than anything that regimented and dragooned industry can achieve.

DESPERATE NAZI NAVY

Has To Resort To Ruthlessness

LONDON, Nov. 13 (Reuter).—A special commentary issued to-day states that Germany, not having command of the sea outside the Baltic, cannot, like the Allies, exercise legal contraband control.

Therefore she is attempting to force neutrals to pass through the Kiel Canal, or to call at north-west German ports.

Brilliant Convoy Success

Realising her futility, she has resorted to ruthless sinking of neutral ships in a desperate attempt to prevent trade with Britain, but the perils are small when the ships follow instructions of the sea-commanding British Navy.

Nearly 3,000 British merchant ships are already convoyed. There have been only three losses.

South Africa To Subsidise Her Exports

JOHANNESBURG, Nov. 13 (Reuter). — The Governor-General of South Africa, Sir Patrick Duncan, has accepted the post of Colonel-in-Chief of the South African Air Force.

South African exports of beef and mutton will soon be subsidised.

Bounties will be paid on exports up to a maximum of 10,000 carcases, 20,000 sides and 40,000 quarters of beef.

South African emergency regulations will be relaxed, whereby certain persons who have been interned, will be released on parole.

This is because the country is now quiet.

Baby Born In New Jail

YORK.—The new county jail has an additional distinction. Its first baby was born there to a woman being held as a material witness in a killing.

RATIONING AT HOME

Cards For Butter And Bacon

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

LONDON, Nov. 13 (Reuter).—When the rationing of butter and bacon begins, the Ministry of Food is absolutely confident of being able to fully honour the coupons.

The Government's spokesman, giving this assurance, mentioned that bacon supplies are arriving well.

Attention is paid to the increasing supplies from the Dominions and a contract is nearly completed for the purchase of practically the whole of the New Zealand exportable surplus.

In connection with edible fats, the Government before the war had made a big reserve of raw materials for margarine and since has made satisfactory contracts for further large supplies of the necessary oil seeds.

Underwriters Confident

New War-Risk Rate For Shanghai

LONDON, Nov. 13 (Reuter).—The greater assurance now felt in the development of Anglo-Japanese relations is reflected in the decision of the Rating Committee of Underwriters to extend to Shanghai a war-risk premium of 60 shillings per cent., hitherto applied from the United Kingdom to Singapore.

This adds over 3,000 miles of the South China Sea to an insured voyage at the same rate.

Similarly 80 shillings per cent. premium (60 shillings per cent. for neutral ships) now covers trading north of Shanghai instead of east of Singapore.

NAZI LABOUR PROBLEM

Where Britain Has Big Advantage

LONDON, Nov. 13 (Reuter).—The "Economist" produces figures showing that whereas Germany requires the labour of 140 men to produce food for every 1,000 men, Britain requires only 66.

This is due to the fact that a greater part of German food is home grown and to the poor organisation of German agriculture.

Britain is obtaining a great part of food by exchange of industrial products, and reaps the benefit of a division of labour on an international scale.

It follows that Britain has a proportionately larger quantity of labour available to devote to war purposes.

Canadian Wheat Crop Record

LONDON, Nov. 13 (British Wireless).—The High Commissioner for Canada in London is advised that the Canadian wheat crop of 1939 is now estimated at 478,965,000 bushels.

Last year's final estimate for the wheat crop was 350,010,000 bushels whilst the average for the five years, 1932 to 1937, was 300,300,000.

This year's crop of oats reached 385,930,000 bushels as compared with the 1938 total of 371,382,000 bushels, while the barley crop is estimated at 103,266,000, a slight increase on the 1938 harvest.

The rye crop totalled 15,307,000 bushels as against 10,988,000 bushels in 1938.

River Tragedy

Over 50 Drowned In Shanghai Accident

SHANGHAI, Nov. 14 (Reuter).—Between 50 and 60 are reported to have been drowned in the Whangpoo yesterday as the result of a collision between a speeding Japanese military launch and a Chinese ferry-boat which was carrying about 100 women workers from Pootung to Shanghai.

The impact threw many of the ferry-boat's passengers into the water where they perished despite desperate rescue efforts.

KING AND QUEEN ATTEND CINEMA

LONDON, Nov. 13 (British Wireless).—The King and Queen, who were accompanied by the Duchess of Kent, visited a West End cinema this afternoon and saw the film "The Lion has Wings," depicting the exploits of the Royal Air Force.

It was their Majesties first visit to a cinema since their Coronation and the first visit to a place of entertainment since the outbreak of war.

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Exchange At A Glance

SELLING	
T.T. London	1/2⅞
Demand do.	1/2⅞
T.T. Shanghai	280
T.T. Singapore	52¾
T.T. Japan	103
T.T. India	82⅝
T.T. U.S.A.	24¼
T.T. Manila	48½
T.T. Batavia	45¾
T.T. Bangkok	140½
T.T. Saigon	108
T.T. France	10.90
T.T. Switzerland	107
T.T. Australia	1/6½
BUYING	
4 m/s L/C London	1/3¼
4 m/s D/P do.	1/3⅜
4 m/s L/C U.S.A.	25¼
4 m/s France	11.45
30 d/s India	84⅝
U.S. Cross rate in Lon.	4.02
U.S. Cross rate in N.Y.	3.93¾

H.K. Stock Market

The following quotations were issued on the Hongkong Stock Market this morning.

BANKS	
H.K. Banks $	1,350 n.
H.K. Banks (Lon. Reg.)	£85 n.
H.K. Banks (H.K. Reg.)	£84 n.
Chartered £	8¼ n.
Mercantile, A. & B. £	27⅝ n.
Mercantile, C. £	11½ n.
East Asia $	71 n.
INSURANCES	
Canton $	205 b.
Union $	400 n.
China Underwriters $	1¼ n.
H.K. Fire $	175 n.
SHIPPING	
Douglases $	70 b.
Steamboats $	12 n.
Indo-Chinas, P.$	60 n.
Indo-Chinas, D$	30 n.
Shells (Bearers) s/-	84/4½ n.
Waterboats $	8.10 n.
DOCKS ETC.	
Wharves $	101¾ n.
Docks $	18.60 b.
Providents $	4.35 s.
New Eng. Sh.	14.40 n.
Sh. Docks Sh. $	204 n.
MINING	
Kailan s/-	18/- n.
Raubs $	9.75 n.
Venz. Gold $	4 n.
H.K. Mines	3¾ Cts. n.
LANDS	
Hotels $	4½ n.
Lands $	33¼ s.
Lands 4% Deb. $	par. n.
S'hai Lands Sh. $	10.30 n.
Humphreys $	7¾ n.
H.K. Realties $	4.20 b.
Chinese Estates $	100 n.
UTILITIES	
Trams $	16.05 s.
Peak Trams (old) $	7.40 n.
Peak Trams (new) $	3.70 n.
Star Ferries $	61½ n.
Y. Ferries $	22¾ b.
China Lights (old) $	7.00 b.
China Lights (new) $	4¾ n.
H.K. Electrics $	49½ b.
Macao Electrics	18 n.
Sandakan Lights $	11½ n.
Telephones (old) $	20½ b.
Telephones (new) $	7.60 n
Tractions s/-	18/- n.
Tractions (Pref.) s/-	18/6 n.
INDUSTRIALS	
Cald: Macg. (Ord.), Sh. $	14 n.
Cald Macg. (Pref.), Sh. $	13 n.
Canton Ices $	1 n.
Cements $	15 s.
H.K. Ropes $	4.90 n.
STORES, &c.	
Dairy Farms (old) $	20 n.
Dairy Farms (new) $	19¼ n.
Watsons $	8.10 s.
Lane, Crawfords $	7½ n.
Sinceres $	1.80 n.
Wing On (H.K.) $	41 n.
Powell, Ltd. $	1 n.
COTTON MILLS	
Ewo Sh. $	22 n.
S'hai Cotton Sh. $	175 n.
Zoong Sing, Sh. $	42 n.
Wing On Textiles, Sh. $	48½ n.
MISC.	
H. K. Entertainments $	6 b.
Constructions (old) $	1.55 n.
Constructions (new) $	1 n.
Vibro Piling $	8½ n.
Ch. Govt. 5% 1925 G. Bonds	50% n.
H.K. Govt. 4% Loan	100 n.
H. K. Govt. 3½% Loan	97 s.
Marsmans (Lon.) s/-	15/3 b.
Marsmans (H.K.) s/-	4/- n.

MANILA SHARES

Following are sales and bid prices:

	Nov. 13.	Nov. 14. Morning
Antamok	.14	.14
Atok	.17	.16½
Baguio Gold	.15	.14 B
Batong Buhay	.01	.009 B
Benguet Cons.	11.20	11.20
Big Wedge	.21	.20½
Coco Grove	.17	.17
Cons. Mines	.003	.003
Demonstration	.07½	.07 B
I.X.L.	.38	.37½ B
Ipo Gold	.14 B	.14 B
Itogon Mining	.23	.23
Mambulao Cons.	.04 B	.04 B
Masbate Cons.	.08½	.08½ B
Mind. Motherlode	.07½ B	.07¾
Mine Operations	.08½ B	.09
North Camarines	.13 B	.13 B
Paracale Gumaus	.17	.16½ B
San Mauricio	.73	.74
Surigao Cons.	.16½ B	.16½ B
Suyoc Cons.	.12½	.12½ B
Syndicate Invest.	.02 B	.02 B
United Paracale	.31	.30½

The following is Swan, Culbertson & Fritz' report on the Manila market:

The Manila Gold Share market closed quiet with prices fractionally lower and the average was off .24 on a light volume.

Atok was down one-half centavo as was Big Wedge and United Paracale, while San Mauricio advanced one centavo.

	Nov. 13.	Nov. 14. Morning
Volume of business done	P$ 190,000	P$ 93,500
Gold Share Average	72.43	72.19

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A Look Through The "Telegraph"

50 YEARS AGO

Nov. 14, 1889.

"Money is uncomfortably tight," is the general cry throughout the Colony. We have no doubt that this assertion is absolutely correct but we can see nothing very surprising about it; money is always objectionally tight when one requires it very urgently. Of course there are special reasons why at the present time in Hongkong financial arrangements are not quite so easily managed as of yore.

It would be useless to attempt to disguise the fact that the present financial dead-lock is chiefly owing to the mad era of share speculation which for so many months transformed the commercial life of Hongkong into a gambling hell of the most dangerous and iniquitous type.

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A curious but useful feature of the theatres in Melbourne is that they are mostly equipped with billiard-rooms.

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Queen Victoria says she will not sit for her picture any more.

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Edinburgh with a population of 300,000 has no street cars on Sunday, giving the cab-men a monopoly which enables them to charge one-third more than on week days. There are no trains running and the day is given up to religious worship, running, and a good deal of whisky-drinking.

25 YEARS AGO

Nov. 14, 1914.

A despatch to the "Times" from Geneva says that the Suisse states that Emperor William is ill with inflammation of the lungs, as the result of having fallen into a trench filled with water.

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Considerable sensation has been created at Petrograd by discoveries made on board the German cruiser "Magdeburg" that was blown up after going ashore at the entrance of the Finnish Gulf. Among the articles lying about the decks on the afterpart, where boats were lowered for the majority of the crew to escape on the accompanying destroyers, were several specimens of the old "cat o' nine tails."

When the Russian authorities went through the ship they found one of these instruments in every officers cabin, and all bore signs of long and hard usage.

The public are to have an opportunity of inspecting these latest-discovered instruments of Prussian culture.

10 YEARS AGO

Nov. 14, 1929.

The Nobel Prize for Literature has been awarded to Thomas Mann, the famous German novelist. (Mann is in exile from the Nazis.—Ed.).

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H.R.H. the Duke of York, the King's second son, to-day addressed a meeting of the World Alliance for promoting international friendship through the churches. The meeting was held at No. 10 Downing Street.

Miss Ishbel MacDonald presided, and the Archbishop of Canterbury, Lord Davidson (ex-Archbishop) and Lord Parmoor were present.

The Duke paid a tribute to the work of the Alliance. He said whether or not peace or war in future was to be the means of settling disputes must depend on the way in which the youth of the world is educated.

Contemplation of the horrors of the last war to the generation now growing up was rather the same as older people might look upon the Crimean War. It was not the horrors of the past, but a right understanding of the problems which faced us that would achieve the result which we so ardently desired. (The Duke is the present King.—Ed.).

5 YEARS AGO

Nov. 14, 1934.

It is believed here that because of the overwhelming popular endorsement of Administration policies as a result of the elections, industrial leaders are realising the futility of effective political opposition to the Administration and will co-operate with the Roosevelt scheme.

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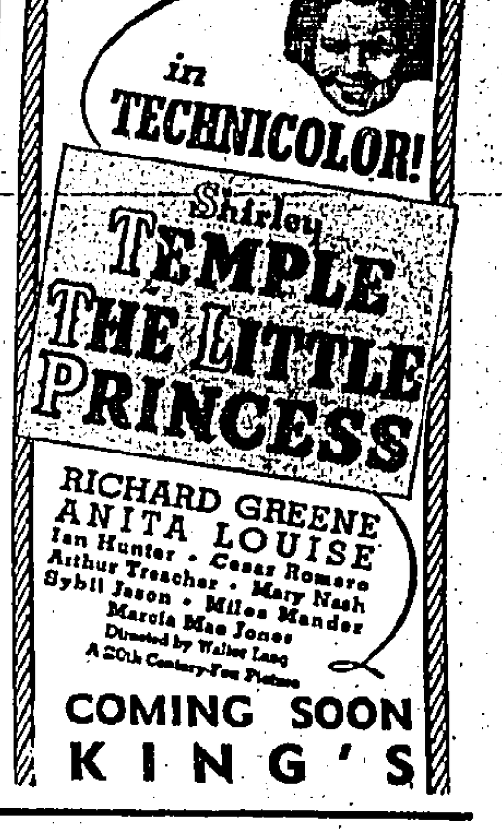

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By MARY GRACE

Left, collarless in camel wool, with dark brown scarf and buttons and novel pocket flaps.

Above, right, short coat in grey, with grey and wine plaid skirt. Looks equally smart in checks with plain skirt.

1314

1315

1315 Second View

WINTER colours are gay, contrary to the general rule, for at this time of year fashions usually take on a sombre hue.

But this season purple heather tints vie with the warm browns and reds of the countryside.

Two main colours are used for new outfits. The coat in one, and skirt in another, while these are accentuated by a third or fourth colour in the hat and accessories.

In Paris I noticed many original ideas. Tartan plaid made half a jacket or perhaps was only used for the yoke. Patterned tweeds employed for the body of the coat had the sleeves in plain colour.

A new note in swaggers is the collarless design buttoning high to neck—comfy on cool days, as a scarf can be tucked inside.

A popular version of this fashion is shown in No. 1314. Made in a camel shade, it has dark brown leather buttons and the envelope flap pockets emphasise the neatness of the line.

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Worn with a brown skirt, and blouse or jumper of fern green with pull-on felt hat to match, you have a smart, up-to-date autumn outfit.

Backs are in the news. On the right are shown the front and back views of a short, boxy swagger coat. A yoked top gives a perfect swing to this design, No. 1915. It has a small collar and again pocket flaps are featured. The skirt, which is also included in pattern, is simply cut.

I suggest a bold plaid in grey and wine tones for the skirt with a coat of grey or wine. This outfit would look equally well if a small checked material was used for coat with skirt to tone or contrast.

Vegetable Pie

HERE is a good dish to try one "vegetarian day":—

Mash two pounds of potatoes, which have been baked or steamed in their skins and are old enough for this. Boil three medium-sized carrots and one parsnip, cut them into dice, and add them to the potatoes with a little raw shredded onion, if liked.

Butter a pie-dish, fill with the mixture, and pour over half a cupful of nourishing gravy, broth, or soup or meat or yeast extract dissolved in a similar quantity of boiling water.

Dot with butter, and bake in a hot oven for three-quarters of an hour, or until the pie is nicely browned on top. Turn it out on to a heated dish and pour thick gravy round. Alternatively, it can be served in the dish, the gravy being handed separately.

W. B.

FASHION NOTES

MANY of the new coats are in colours such as rusty red with soot-black for trimming. Rainbow plaid tweeds are characteristic of the new fashions in tailor-mades. Their fascinating colours have been suggested by the blues, browns, and greys of the Scottish valleys. Cloudy rose, silver sand, silver grey, gold, yellow, and dull turquoise, are but a few of these northern landscape colours which Paris designers have deemed fit to use this season.

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There are new and unexpected ways of using colours in tailor-mades. A dark green jacket and a lighter green skirt of the same tweed make a tailor-made suitable for the country or for morning wear in town, while slate-blue and beige checked tweeds may form the skirt to wear with a plain beige jacket. A yellowy-brown, the colour of the autumn leaves and gold and yellow checks make a suit to wear with a plain gorse yellow blouse. And tweeds of two different weights, the heavier for the jacket, the lighter weight for the skirt, are some new suggestions for the working of wool ensembles.

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The feminine handkerchief was ever a vagrant. Let it be said however, that the handkerchief is not wholly to blame. Circumstances over which it has had no control have contributed to its vagrant propensities. For the handkerchief has never had a settled home. It has never been given the opportunity to acquire homing habits. In the past, there was a time when it inhabited a pocket, but the feminine pocket of that period was voluminous, and accommodated dozens of odds and ends, and stood for the handkerchief more as a common lodging-house than as a home. Of the handkerchief's vicissitudes since that epoch, there is not space to write.

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1.00. Local Time Signal and Weather Report.
1.03. Reginald Dixon at the Organ.
1.15. Dance Music by Jack Hylton and His Orchestra.
1.30. Reuter and Rugby Press, Weather Forecast and Announcements.
1.45. Variety and Dance Music with Effie Atherton, John Henry, Anona Winn. The Hilo Hawaiian Orchestra and Others.
2.15. Close down.
6.00. An Hour of Popular Classics compered from the Studio.
7.00. Closing local Stock Quotations.
7.02. The Tomb Scene from Gounod's "Romeo and Juliet."
Sung by George Thill (Tenor) and Mlle. Feraldy (Soprano) with Orchestral accompaniment.
7.18. Two Violin Solos by George Boulanger.
African Serenade (Boulanger); American Vision (Boulanger).
8.25. Tchaikowsky—Concerto No. 1 in B Flat Minor, Op. 23.
Egon Petri (Piano) and the London Philharmonic Orchestra conducted by Walter Goehr.
8.00. Local Time Signal, Weather Report and Announcements.
8.03. Studio — Saxophone Recital by Palapo.
8.25. Grieg—Peer Gynt—Incidental Music.
Vienna Symphony Orchestra with Chorus, Conducted by Paul Kerby.
8.38. Stuart Robertson (Baritone) and the New Mayfair Orchestra.
9.05. Studio—Comments on Recent Events.
9.15. London Relay—The News.
9.30. London Relay—"Cards on the Table."
9.45. London Relay—"Ministry of Fun."
A Variety Programme.
10.15. A Programme of Dance Music.
11.00. Close down.

GRAVE DIFFICULTIES

Philippines Commissioner Voices a Warning

Manila, Nov. 13.

Mr. Francis B. Sayre, in a speech at the American Chamber of Commerce, warned that the Philippines is facing grave economic difficulties and can choose two methods for coping with them.

First, economic nationalism, which leads to strict Government control and goes hand in hand with dictatorship; and second, liberalisation of trade, freedom and economic initiative, following the United States' example.

"Philippine independence surely will not mean the end of American co-operation," he said. "Independence would of course mean changed conditions and far-reaching economic adjustments, but it will also mean the building up of new foundations which will be more permanent and sounder than the present artificial ones."—*United Press.*

DARDANUS MAIL

Brought From Canton By Japanese Steamer

The mail from the Imperial Airways plane Dardanus, which was forced down on Weichow Island on November 8, arrived here yesterday by a Japanese steamer from Canton.

The Postmaster General, Mr. E. I. Wynne-Jones and the Far Eastern Manager of Imperial Airways, Lieut.-Commander A. D. S. Murray, met the steamer and took off the mail.

It is not known whether the Japanese authorities in Canton who held the mail have been through it or carried out any censorship. The mail was examined by British authorities.

After inspection the mail will be forwarded by the Delphinus tomorrow.

Although messages have been sent from Hongkong to the pilot of Dardanus, Capt. J. N. Wilson, who is being held by the Japanese military authorities in Canton, they have not, it is believed, been delivered.

The co-pilot of the plane, Mr. J. F. Rachburn is also being held by the Japanese military authorities for investigation.

It is not known whether they have been placed in a military prison.

Passengers by the Delphinus, which arrived here yesterday, said from the time they left Hanoi they could see nothing below them until Fort Bayard but clouds.

The pilot of the Delphinus was forced to fly at 14,000 feet most of the way to obtain the benefit of favourable winds and flew solely on his bearings. At a lower altitude flying conditions were very bumpy.

The Japanese authorities demand that planes flying over the route fly 15 miles from the island and at an altitude of less than 500 metres (approximately 1,500 feet) so they may be easily identifiable.

On Goodwill Trip

Lima, Peru, Nov. 13.

The seven U.S. Army "flying fortresses" on a goodwill flight to South America will leave here on a non-stop flight to Asuncion, Paraguay. This flight has hitherto never been attempted non-stop.

The planes arrived here yesterday after flying 1,600 miles from Panama in eight hours, and were greeted at the airport by a crowd of thousands. —*Reuter.*

United Press adds that the planes arrived at the Tambo airport, Lima at 1.45 p.m. and were due to take off at 5 a.m. yesterday.

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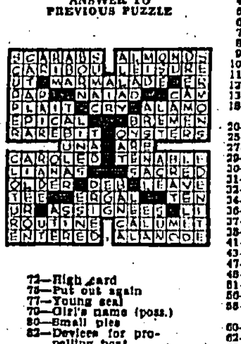
Crossword Puzzle

By LARS MORRIS

ACROSS

1—Wagers
5—Pointed weapon
10—Female voice
14—Painful feeling
15—Away from this place
16—Chamber
17—Betrayal of one's native land
19—Written message
21—Tiring suit against
22—Number of dollars in eagle
23—Placed
24—Japanese coin
25—In any case
26—King of Bashan
28—Permit
30—Color of grass
33—Catch suddenly (col.)
35—Revolving part
39—Poured
40—Elevated railroad (col.)
42—Parcel of land
44—Did live as
45—Social insect
46—Dealer in land
49—Tipsy (Scottish)
50—One who sees ahead
52—Utmost hyperbole
53—Myself
54—Halt
55—Harem
57—Some
59—Ice vehicles
61—Father
63—Tellurium
64—Close by
65—Sprite
68—In no way
70—Imitate

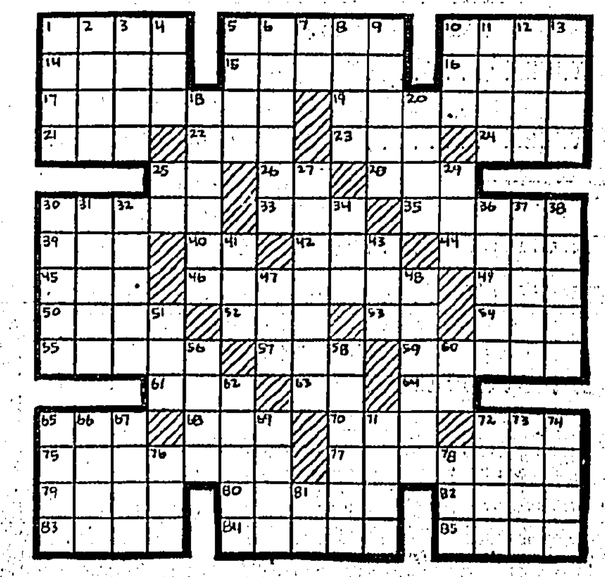
ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE



72—High card
76—Put out again
77—Young seal
79—Girl's name (poss.)
80—Small pies
82—Devices for propelling boat
83—Gratifying to utmost
84—Kills
85—Allowance for transportation weight

DOWN

1—Baseball tools
2—Light-yellowish brown
3—Second person singular
4—Ocean
5—Foot covering
6—Banner
7—In (French)
8—World War aviators
9—Push back
10—Land measure (pl.)
11—Great quantities
12—Entice
13—Prophetic sign
18—One who scrapes with stone
20—Roman road
25—Prefix: apart
27—Man of fashion
29—Pull
30—Green plants
31—Indian queen
32—Go in
34—Kind of fly
36—Sententious
37—Mountain nymph
38—Spools
41—Civil War general
43—Thomas
47—In manner of
48—Remained
51—Knock sharply
56—Electrified molecules
58—Causing fermentation
60—Behold
62—Is sullen
63—Periods of time
66—Girl who loved a swan
67—Positive command
69—Aquatic bird
71—Go through
72—About wings
73—Goddess of grain
74—Long ago
75—Point of compass
78—Dorothy (col.)
81—Sun god



NANCY By Ernie Bushmiller

AIR ACTIVITY INTENSIFIED: NAZI RAIDS REPELLED

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

LONDON, Nov. 13 (UP).—Fishermen off the Yorkshire coast reported that R.A.F. fighters attacked German bombers who were sighted over the North Sea this afternoon.

Anti-aircraft gun fire was heard.

East Coast Air Fight

LONDON, Nov. 13 (Reuter).—Three British fighters, patrolling above the clouds off the East Coast, sighted a German flying boat 2,000 feet below.

The enemy dived but the British leader swooped close behind and raked the enemy with bullets from a few yards range.

The German rear gunner replied without effect.

A piece of the enemy's wing fell off and he took cover in the clouds.

Shetland Isles Raid

LONDON, Nov. 13 (Reuter).—The Air Ministry announces that enemy aircraft made two attacks on the Shetland Islands to-day.

They were driven off by A.A. fire.

Bombs were dropped but they did no damage.

Raiders Drop Many Bombs

It was later revealed that four German bombers took part and that after being driven off on one occasion by anti-aircraft fire, they swung back and attacked a second time.

Numerous bombs were dropped, but they most harmlessly fell into the sea.

Other bombs which fell on land made craters up to 16 feet deep and shattered windows of crofters, cottages in the vicinity.

No other damage of any importance was done.

Nazi Reconnaissances

PARIS, Nov. 13 (Reuter).—The French official wireless commentator said to-day that on Saturday there were a number of German reconnaissances east and west of the Saar.

The raiders came close to the French lines and some men were captured.

None of the operations, however, developed into attack.

By nightfall, quiet prevailed.

Front Line Activity

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

PARIS, Nov. 13 (UP).—More salvos were fired by anti-aircraft in the front lines between 4.35 and 4.50 p.m. to-day. No explanation has been given.

Planes Over Paris

PARIS, Nov. 13 (Reuter).—Aeroplanes of unknown nationality flew over Paris and district this afternoon.

They could not be distinguished owing to a thick fog.

No air-raid alarm was sounded.

Enemy Aircraft Visit France

PARIS, Nov. 13 (Reuter).—A communique issued to-day records the usual patrol activity, especially east of the Saar.

A number of enemy aircraft flew over North-eastern France on Sunday night.

Neutrality Violated

BRUSSELS, Nov. 13 (Reuter).—German planes have again violated Belgium's neutrality.

Planes returning from a flight over France caused an air-raid alarm to be sounded in Paris, but were driven off by gun-fire.

They took a short cut across Belgium.

Admitted Nazi Losses

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

BERLIN, Nov. 13 (UP).—It is officially claimed that the Germans have lost 17 aeroplanes on the Western Front between the inception of the war and November 10.

The British, the Nazi communique claims, have lost 16 planes and the French 61. The Germans have destroyed three balloons.

Mr. Eden With R.A.F.

LONDON, Nov. 13 (Reuter).—Mr. Anthony Eden, Secretary for the Dominions, and representatives of the Dominions and India visited the Royal Air Force in France and inspected the key room of Headquarters where details of R.A.F. operations are planned.

They later saw a British fighter squadron behind the lines.

Three Parisians Wounded

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

PARIS, Nov. 13 (Reuter).—Three persons were wounded by anti-aircraft shell splinters when German planes were sighted near Paris this afternoon.

German Pilots Captured

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

AMSTERDAM, Nov. 13 (UP).—The Dutch cargo steamer Jeannette (450 tons) was stranded off Blichers on Sunday.

Among those aboard were three German pilots who were picked up in the North Sea on Saturday night.

Four were aboard a German plane when it fell into the sea. The surviving trio have been interned by the Dutch authorities.

Stole Ear-Rings From Woman

Sentence of six months' hard labour and 20 strokes of the cane was imposed by Mr. Houston at the Central Magistracy this morning on Tang Kau, 17, unemployed, for the theft of a pair of gold ear-rings, valued at $20, from Lau Tai-ying, 33, married woman, in Connaught Road West, yesterday.

Inspector Mair said the woman, accompanied by her sister, were entering the Yuen On Wharf preparatory to boarding a ship, when the defendant snatched the ear-rings and bolted. When chased, he dumped the ear-rings, which were recovered.

Tang admitted three previous convictions, one of which was for a similar offence.

NEW JOB FOR SIR ARTHUR SALTER

LONDON, Nov. 13 (British Wireless).—Sir Arthur Salter has been appointed Parliamentary Secretary to the Ministry of Shipping.

Sir Arthur, who is Independent Member of Parliament for Oxford University, was Chairman of the Allied Maritime Transport Executive in the last war. He was for nine years Director of the Economies and Finance section of the League of Nations, and is well-known for his works on International economics.

The Minister of Shipping is Sir John Gilmour.

Wang Follower Shot Dead

Gunmen Assassinate Restaurant Diner

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

SHANGHAI, Nov. 13 (UP).—Three Chinese gunmen to-day shot and killed Chao Fan-kiu, an alleged member of the Wang Ching-wei clique.

The assassination occurred this evening after Chao and a friend left a Chinese restaurant and walked along the French side of Avenue Edouard VII.

The three gunmen sat next to Chao and his friends while they were eating in the restaurant. They afterwards followed Chao and opened fire from behind at point blank range, hitting Chao four times.

Chao's friends were unharmed and are being held by the police, who are endeavouring to learn Chao's position in the Wang Ching-wei regime.

60-CENT STAMP REALISES £300

LONDON, Nov. 13 (British Wireless).—An unused Newfoundland 60-cent air mail stamp was sold at a London stamp auction to-day for £300. The stamp was one of 300 issued for Commander de Pinedo's flight from Newfoundland to Rome in May, 1927.

Air mail stamp collecting is experiencing a tremendous wave of popularity—in particular, among American and Canadian collectors.

London Markets Cheerful

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

LONDON, Nov. 13 (Reuter).—Markets opened cheerful owing to the week-end quietness in the international field.

Gilt-edged securities occasionally strengthened.

From November 14 the retail price of motor-fuel in the United Kingdom will be raised by three half pence to 21½d per gallon.

Wall Street was irregular.

Fishing Industry Re-Organisation

LONDON, Nov. 13 (British Wireless).—Standing committee, containing representatives of boat owners, employees and Government departments, has been set up to advise the Minister of Fisheries and the Scottish Secretary on matters relating to the production side of the fishing industry.

Frontier Commission To Be Named

BERLIN, Nov. 13 (Reuter).—The names of Japanese and Manchukuo representatives for the Mixed Frontier Commission are to be submitted to M. Molotoff by Mr Togo, the Japanese Ambassador.

According to a Moscow message to the German news agency, the Commission will meet at Chita and will later transfer to Harbin.

Japan Gets Domestic Courts

OSAKA.—For the equivalent of 14 American cents a married couple in Japan can have a government judge arbitrate a domestic dispute. The domestic disputes arbitration section of the Osaka district court has been organised in compliance with a law passed at the recent Diet session. Similar courts are being established throughout Japan.

EIRE AND TRADE WITH U.S.

DUBLIN, Nov. 13 (Reuter).—Eire has made representations to the United States in connection with the decision to close Eire ports to United States ships.

It is declared here that United States ships can safely trade in Eire.

CITY OF FLINT TO GO FREE

WASHINGTON, Nov. 13 (Reuter).—The German Government has notified the United States that German warships are ordered not to interfere with the City of Flint on her way back to the United States.

Cabaret Items At Peninsula Dance

A Tango Tap arranged by Mr. Hugh Chen and featuring such popular Hongkong girls as Misses Bella Ma, Elsie Law, Mary Chan, Lily Chan, Pansy Woo, Dora Chow, and Joan Ma is announced as the chief floor show item to be presented in connection with the Charity Dinner and Dance to be conducted by the Chinese Youth's Medical Relief Association in the Rose Room of the Peninsula Hotel on November 20.

Other floor show artists will be Mr. Herbert Tong, the Harmony Trio, and the Misses B. C. Ma, Dora Chow, and P. C. Ma in vocal numbers.

The Association, since the outbreak of the Sino-Japanese conflict, has been devoted to organising medical units consisting of qualified doctors and nurses for service to wounded soldiers and refugees in the war-torn areas. The entire proceeds of the Dinner-Dance will be devoted to this relief work.

Big Army To Be Recruited

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

PRETORIA, Nov. 13 (Reuter).—The whole existing active citizen force, plus units still to be formed, is to be brought up to war establishment by volunteers aged up to 45.

Red Cross Fund Now Totals £652,000

LONDON, Nov. 13 (British Wireless).—The Lord Mayor's Red Cross Fund reached £652,000 last night.

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PLANES BOMB SUBMARINE

Believed Direct Hit Was Made

LONDON, Nov. 13 (Reuter). — British reconnaissance aircraft carried out an attack on a submarine yesterday, it was officially announced.

A U-boat was spotted on the surface and immediately began to submerge but a salvo of bombs was dropped.

One appeared to make a direct hit when the submarine had reached periscope depth.

The sea was rough and the broken water prevented signs of damage being accurately observed.

CHARITY FUNCTION

For Relief Of Distress In China

The Chinese Youth's Medical Relief Association is sponsoring a Charity dinner and dance in the Rose Room of the Peninsula Hotel on November 29. The entire proceeds will be used for war relief work.

The Association has, ever since the outbreak of the Sino-Japanese conflict, been organising many Medical Units consisting of doctors and nurses for service in the war-torn areas.

Besides dinner and dancing, an attractive programme of entertainment has been arranged. Mr. Herbert Tong will croon a few tunes followed by an exhibition of the latest American jitterbugs. Mr. Hugh Chen will do a tap number. The Harmony Trio, Misses B. C. Ma, Dora Chow, and P. C. Ma will render popular songs. The outstanding item will be a tango tap, arranged by Mr. Hugh Chen, with Misses Bella Ma, Elsie Lay, Mary Chan, Lily Chan, Pansy Woo, Dora Chow and Joan Ma.

Tickets at $7 each including dinner, are obtainable at the Hongkong Hotel and Peninsula Hotel.

LATE NEWS

GUN KILLS SERGEANT

Sergeant Frederick James Evans of the Royal Army Ordnance Corps was found fatally injured with a gun shot wound in the early hours this morning at the Ordnance Depot. Within a few minutes of the discovery he died.

The first sign that something was amiss was the sound of a revolver shot. Several colleagues went to investigate the sound and one of them discovered Sgt. Evans lying on the floor with a revolver beside him. He had a wound on the head. He was still alive but unconscious and before any of the officers could come on the scene he was dead.

WITHDRAWAL COMMENCES

TOKYO, Nov. 14 (Domei).—Following announcement of the decisions on Monday, British and French authorities have already started partial withdrawal of their garrison troops in Tientsin, a Peiping dispatch indicates.

The British and French troops in Peiping still remain intact.

A London dispatch to the "Nichi Nichi Shimbun" states that the British garrison in North China will be reduced to about one company of 100 or 150 men. It was believed likely that part of the British forces in Shanghai would also be eventually withdrawn.

The report further claims that an agreement has been reached between Britain and America for reinforcing the depleted garrisons with American forces.

DONATION TO FUND

A decision to give $1,000 to the British War Organisation Fund to be spent in providing comfort for the troops, was made at the annual meeting of the St. Patrick's Society of Hongkong held at the Hongkong Hotel last evening.

Mr. C. G. Perdue presided at the meeting, which was followed by a cocktail party.

It was also decided that no members of the Navy, Army or Royal Air Force, or lady members should be required to pay entrance fees.

"It is unfair to ask members of the fighting services to pay entrance fees now that their stay in the Colony is liable to be so short," said Mr. Perdue.

Pointing out that the Society was in quite a flourishing financial state, Mr. Perdue said the expenditure in purchasing a set of Irish bagpipes involved only an increase in goods. It was especially fitting that as the Society was fortunate in having Mr. Begdon as its piper, it should have its own pipes for use on various occasions.

The proposal to give $1,000 to the British War Organisation Fund was made by Mr. G. P. Murphy.

Seconding the proposal, Mr. Perdue said that he had spoken to Sir Atholl MacGregor regarding how money remitted to the Fund would be spent, and he had been informed that money sent would be spent in any way the donors wished.

Dr. G. W. Pope suggested the donation be earmarked to provide comfort for the troops.

An amendment to the proposal that the amount be raised to £100, made by Mr. J. Grenham, was defeated.

It was decided that the fees for membership should consist of an entrance fee of $5 and an annual subscription, payable on October 1 each year, of $5. The fee for Life Membership was reduced from $100 to $50.

It was agreed that Honorary Life Members might be elected at any annual general meeting, and that such Life Members should be nominated by the General Committee and should not be required to pay subscriptions.

In order to give each incoming President a tangible token of appreciation it was decided to present them with a gold badge of the Society when they assumed office.

The form of social functions for 1940, if any, was left to the incoming committee.

A vote of thanks to the retiring President was proposed by Mr. C. E. Terry.

The following officers were elected. President, Mr. J. C. M. Grenham; Committee, Messrs. C. E. Terry, P. J. Hamilton, F. P. R. James, D. J. Crozier, R. J. Minnitt and M. G. O'Connor; Hon. Secretary, Mr. B. H. C. Hallowes and the Hon. Treasurer, Mr. P. J. A. Hamilton, and the Hon. Auditors, Messrs. W. B. Finnigan and F. G. Maunder, were re-elected.

Fine Japanese Salvage Feat

Wrecked Australian Liner Towed To Osaka

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

TOKYO, Nov. 14 (Domei).—Japanese salvagers who bought a 1,150-ton wrecked freighter for 15,000 yen are now selling her for 700,000 yen.

The s.s. Makambo, formerly Australia owned, is the freighter in question.

She ran aground off Sandwich Island, in the New Hebrides group, two and a half years ago. She has now been successfully salvaged by the Okada Company of Osaka and arrived at Osaka early yesterday morning after sailing 2,600 miles under her own power.

Although the ship is quite rusty and its lower part covered with sea growth, it is not heavily damaged. After being repaired in Osaka, she is expected to be placed on the southern Pacific run.

In Violent Monsoon

Mr. K. Iwami, who directed the salvage work, said that they left Sandwich Island on October 10 and sailed at a speed of five knots per hour. Although they met a violent monsoon on the way home, they fortunately got through it.

The ship was formerly owned by the Burns Philip Company.

After the failure of attempts to refloat her on the part of British and French salvage workers she was finally sold to the Okada Company for 15,000 yen. Other costs, including salvage work, sailing and miscellaneous expenses, amount to about 12,000 yen.

Pope's Broadcast To America

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

ROME, Nov. 13 (Reuter).—The Pope, broadcasting to America on the 50th Anniversary of the Catholic University in Washington, said that Christian youth faced the disconcerting errors of naturalism and materialism which, by precipitating the world into an appalling war, had given cruel proof of the falseness of philosophy grounded on a human basis.

The Pope, in conclusion, blessed the Episcopate and all Catholics in the United States.

Long Lost Watch Plowed Up

MILTON,—John Hume lost his watch one day while plowing a field on his farm. That, however, was 23 years ago and since then Hume had sold the farm. James, his son, is working for the present owner and while plowing the same field turned up his father's timepiece.

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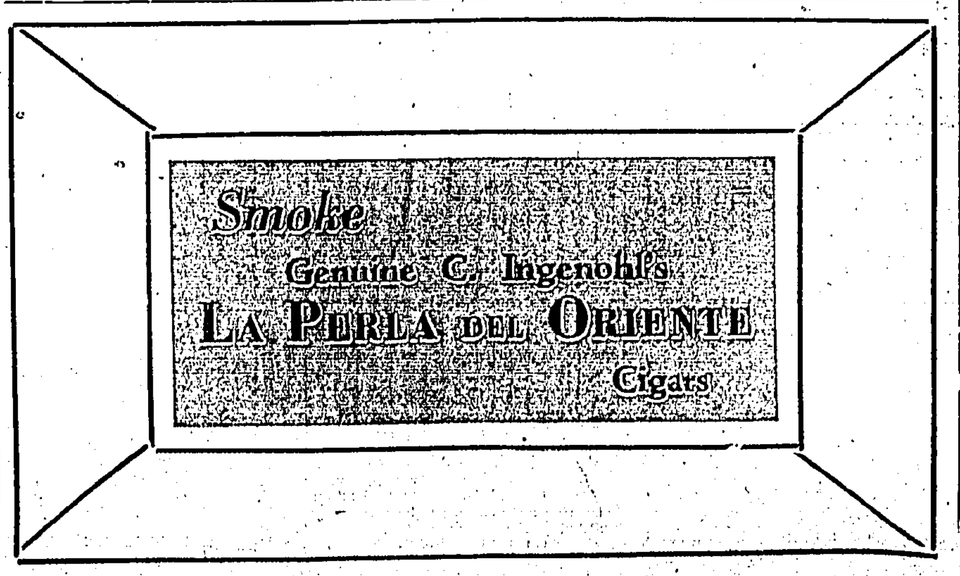

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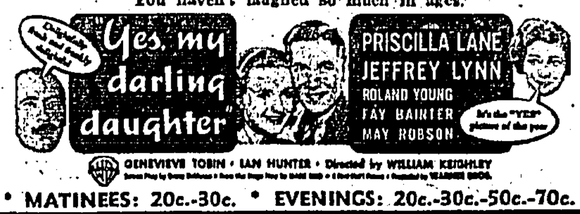

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